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OF THE  
**Internal Improvement**  
**Fund**  
**State of Florida**

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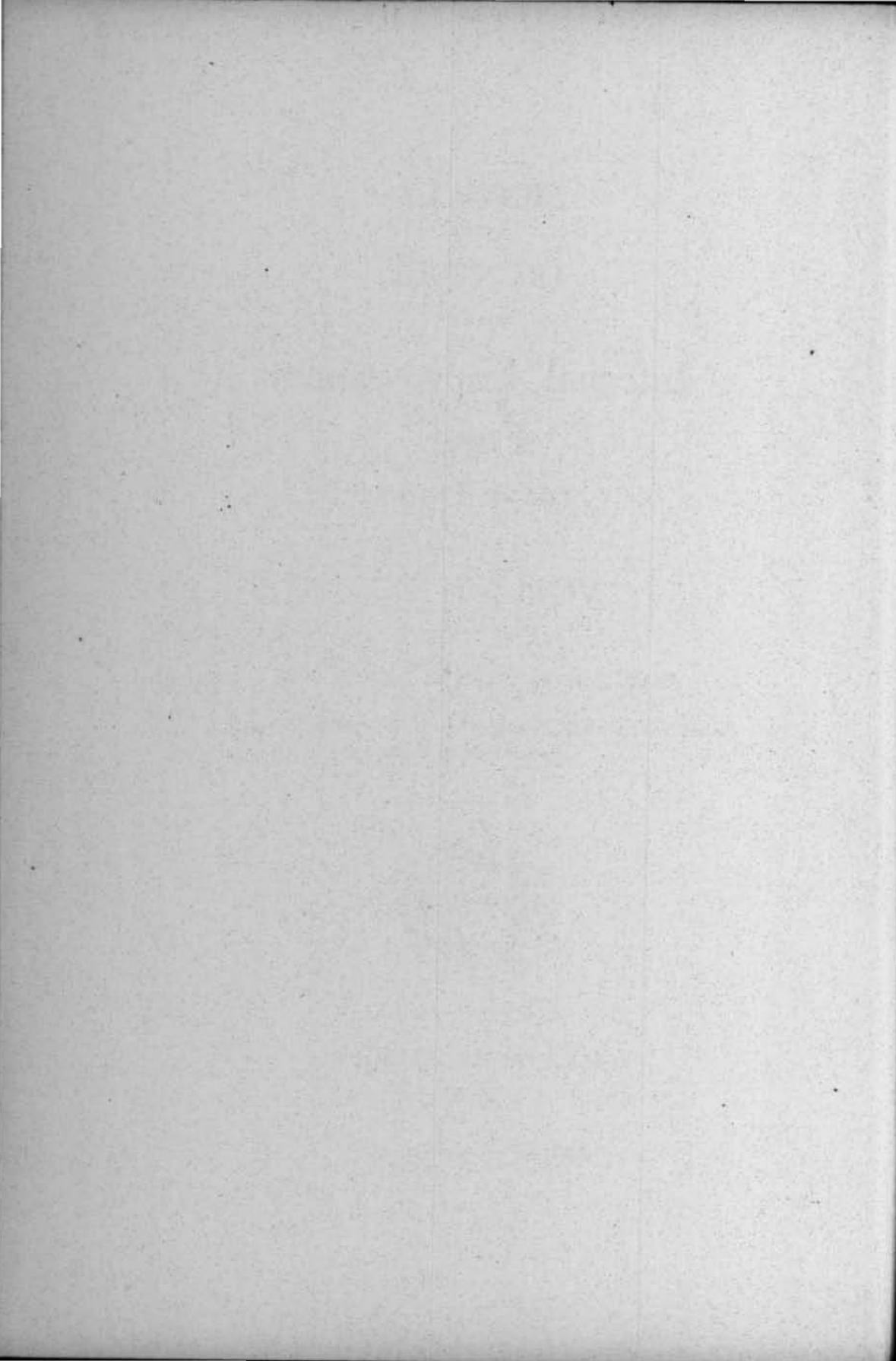
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# TRUSTEES' MINUTES FOR 1945

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 9, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr Elliot reported that it was customary for the Trustees to adopt a resolution at the first meeting after inauguration of a new Governor for the purpose of electing the Governor as chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the ensuing four years. The following resolution was presented:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to organize quadriennially by designating the incoming Governor as Chairman of the said Trustees, Now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate Honorable Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of Florida, as chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and pursuant to custom in his absence the next member of the Trustees, according to the order in which their names appear as designated in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund, shall preside as chairman.

Mr. Mayo moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote carried.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees on application from R. G. Johnson, with offer of \$10 an acre, the

following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post of West Palm Beach, Florida, in the issues of December 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 1944 and January 3rd, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 1st, 1944

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offer for sale to be sold to the highest bidder, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock NOON, January 9th, 1945, the following described land in PALM BEACH County:

All Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 38 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Section 270.07, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary,  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids, the only offer received was \$10 an acre from R. G. Johnson, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the price of \$10 an acre for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees November 28, 1944, on application from Julius F. Parker with offer of \$10 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, in the issues of December 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 1944, and January 7th, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 6, 1944

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida

offer for sale to be sold to the highest bidder, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, January 9th, 1945, the following described land in PALM BEACH County:

All Section Fourteen (14), Township Forty-seven (47) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East, containing 640 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Section 270.07, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, the only bid received was \$10 an acre from Julius F. Parker on behalf of client, Alberto Esteves of Miami, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Esteves of \$10 an acre for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Discussion was had on the subject of advertising State land for sale and Mr. Mayo informed the members of the procedure heretofore followed. Several suggestions were made for giving wider publicity to proposed sales, and Mr. Mayo and Mr. Wells were requested to look into the matter and report back to the board at the next meeting with their recommendations.

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Consideration was also given to employment of an appraiser for the Trustees, Mr. Bayless having attended to a part of this work since the resignation of Mr. S. S. Savage sometime ago. This matter was also referred to Mr. Mayo for investigation as to the advisability of employing an appraiser on full time basis, with request that he make report at the earliest opportunity.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to accept offer of \$3

an acre from Mr. Julius F. Parker, on behalf of client, for all of Township 47 South, Range 36 East, and that part of the hiatus east of Sections 24, 25 and 36, same township and range. Upon vote the motion was adopted. Land in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Parker explained that the land is located about eight (8) miles from a road and before it can be used it will require construction of a road thirteen miles long. In view of the cost of the road, applicant feels that the price offered is in line with other sales.

Mr. Mayo suggested for future consideration that it might be well to request the State Road Department to construct a road through that part of the County, in which are located the lands applied for by Mr. Parker, in order that those lands may be available for development the same as land on Road No. 26.

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Application was presented from A. A. Beck of Moore Haven, Florida, offering \$20 an acre for a small island in Section 23, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for bids, based on the offer from Mr. Beck. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$15 an acre was submitted from C. C. Bourland of Ames, Iowa, for land described as:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 14; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, all in Township 37 South, Range 30 East, containing 240 acres in Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for bids based on offer from Mr. Bourland. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., of Okeechobee, Florida, presented application on behalf of Horace Davis to purchase 128.83 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 6, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. He stated that the land was desired for grazing purposes, adjoined land now owned by Mr.



Davis, was located in Eagle Bay, north of Eagle Bay Drainage District, and was separated from the lake by the levee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land be advertised for bids based on offer of \$17.50 an acre from Mr. Davis. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of C. S. Cornelius, offered ten cents (10¢) an acre for grazing lease on land in Lumpkin Creek marsh, described as,

155.77 acres in Section 5, Township 38 South,  
Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees authorize one-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Cornelius upon payment of ten cents an acre for the land described. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following offers be declined:

J. C. Jackman, Clewiston, Florida—Offer of \$400 cash for timber on Section 8; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 17; Section 21, all in Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, approximately 65,000 feet;

Hal Y. Maines, Lake Butler, Florida, for S. R. Roberts—Offer of \$150 for SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 19 East, Union County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action pending further information on application from Kenyon Riddle with offer of \$240 for S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, not included in Government Lot 7, lying West of right of way of West Palm Beach Canal, in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from A. A. Poston of West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of the County Commissioners, offering \$10 an acre for land in Section 5,

Township 43 South, Range 43 East, desired in connection with the Poor Farm of Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action be deferred on this application until the acreage can be ascertained, and also that the Attorney General be asked to advise whether or not the County has authority to accept such deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$300 per annum submitted by T. W. Conely, Jr., for Emerson Cook, for five-year lease on North Lake Shoal, or King's Bar, in Lake Okeechobee. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. Land in Palm Beach County.

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Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of J. O. Pearce, requested reconsideration of action taken on his offer of \$5 an acre and counter proposal of the Board to advertise with bids of \$7.50 the following described land:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1; Lots A, B, C, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, containing 717.85 acres;

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 34 East, containing 10.20 acres.

All in Glades County.

Mr. Conely stated that he had taken the matter up with Mr. Bayless in Okeechobee and furnished information as to character of the land, the muck having been burned off, not near a road and surrounded by ownership of applicant; that Mr. Bayless stated he would recommend advertising with bid of \$5 an acre.

Based on the information given, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids and in the meantime that further appraisal be secured. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$25 an acre was submitted from G. C. Durrance, on behalf of T. J. Jones, for marginal land

located adjacent to his upland property in Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$25.00 an acre from T. J. Jones for the land applied for. Upon vote motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the United States Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, for modification of Lease Agreement NOy(R)-33476, dated July 1, 1943, authorizing use of Lake Wilmington in Indian River County for strafing purposes as well as for bombing practice.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize modification of lease as requested by the Navy Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action be deferred on application from River Oil Company for lease involving approximately 1384 acres of water bottom in the Suwannee River, extending 17.3 miles in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, action was postponed on request from the State Road Department that the Trustees disclaim interest to a portion of the area covered by Overseas Highway in Monroe County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Statement was presented in amount of \$269.14 covering South Florida Conservancy District taxes for the year 1944 on the following described land owned by the Trustees:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, the matter was held pending investigation. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.



The Trustees directed that there be referred to the Attorney General a proposal presented from Mrs. Joe M. Shingler of Donalsonville, Georgia, having reference to tax deed on S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, owned by the State. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bidding land described as:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County,

the Land Department having reported that several applications had been made to purchase, the highest offer being \$4.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., was present and submitted an offer of \$10 an acre for release from the State mortgage of land in the Eagle Bay Drainage District, Okeechobee County.

The Trustees requested Mr. Conely to submit the application in writing, giving description of the land to be released and his offer for the tract. It was so ordered.

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Governor Caldwell presented request from Mr. F. E. Bayless, Chairman of the State Road Department, that the Trustees sell the Department the Plymouth car formerly used by Mr. Bayless as Chief Land Clerk.

Action was deferred on the request pending decision on whether or not it will be necessary to employ a Land Appraiser for the Trustees.

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Mr. Elliot presented letter from the National Audubon Society with reference to adoption of a resolution requesting the said Society to cooperate with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in protection and conservation of the area within the proposed Everglades National Park. It was explained that at the conference held December 13, 1944, it was understood that the Audubon Society would be requested to cooperate with the Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying on this work during the ten year period,

or until the Everglades National Park was officially established.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees adopt a resolution requesting the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Audubon Society to carry out the necessary protection and conservation work within the boundaries of the proposed Everglades National Park under arrangements to be agreed upon between the two agencies. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary requested to prepare form of resolution subject to approval by the Attorney General.

Letter was presented from Senator Harry E. King of Winter Haven, Florida, on behalf of Mr. Alan Wile, requesting that permission be given for erection of a diving stand or diving float out in the waters of Lake Howard, in front of his upland property in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 26 East, Polk County. Senator King stated that the request was made in the interest of recreation for men in the Service and to some extent for civilians.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that no official permit be issued but that Senator King be advised that the Trustees have no objection to Mr. Wile's erecting the diving stand out in Lake Howard in front of his home. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	7/19/44	1
Baker	10/26/44	2
Broward	11/20/44	580
Clay	12/9/44	1
DeSoto	12/30/44	1
Duval	10/26/44	214
Hardee	12/4/44	3

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Jefferson	12/4/44	5
Lake	11/13/44	42
Manatee	12/4/44	25
Manatee	1/1/45	21
Martin	8/14/44	20
Martin	8/14/44	2
Martin	10/23/44	38
Martin	11/6/44	54
Martin	12/4/44	9
Osceola	11/20/44	196
Polk	10/31/44	59
Polk	11/29/44	27
Santa Rosa	10/9/44	1
Sarasota	12/18/44	16
Sumter	11/27/44	16
Taylor	12/15/44	4
Taylor	12/22/44	1
Volusia	12/4/44	10
Washington	8/1/44	9

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from John A. Sewell for release of State Road right of way in Hillsborough County Deed No. 3052. The Secretary explained that the request had been referred to the State Road Department and said Department had recommended that the entire right of way be relinquished.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Quit Claim Deed in favor of John A. Sewell and Evelyn Sewell for relinquishing State Road right of way contained in Deed No. 3052. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Two requests were presented from the Attorney General for stipulating with the United States in the following cases:

U. S. vs. 1490 acres, etc.—134-Orl-Civ.-File 5080

U. S. vs. 1025 acres, etc.—45-Ft.P-Civil-File 5058,

the purpose of such stipulation being agreement on the part of the Trustees to accept 25% of the 1932 assessed value as payment for the land involved. Mr. Watson recommended that the stipulations be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to stipulate with the United States in the above suits, agreeing to accept 25% of the 1932 assessed value, the land being described as:

Indian River County—Lots in Section 23 and 29 of Fleming Grant,

Seminole County—Lots in Pries Plat of Ft. Reid, Sections 4 and 6 of Township 20 South, Range 31 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Michael G. Littman, Attorney for the City of Stuart, Florida, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken December 27, 1944, and authorize conveyance to the City of the Seven lots applied for without payment.

Action was deferred on the request and Mr. Elliot was directed to try to work out with the City of Stuart a proposal that would be acceptable to the Trustees.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 10, 1945

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

## SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Mayo reported that Mr. M. M. Parrish had taken up with him the matter of purchase of certain land in Alachua County located about six miles from Gainesville, containing about sixty acres cut up into lots assessed at \$20 per lot. Title to the land came to the State under provisions of the Murphy Act—Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937. Application to purchase was made in the name of Lakeside Estates Realty Company and the price recommended by the Special Case Committee was \$650.00 as base bid, which amount Mr. Parrish agreed to bid at sale.

Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. Parrish had talked with him and the understanding was that the base bid would be at the rate of \$10 an acre, or a total of \$570.00.

Information was furnished that the land in question is located across the road from an area sold by Mr. Parrish and Mr. Phifer to Florida Farm Colony a few years ago at a price of \$15 an acre. Governor Caldwell inquired why the State should not receive as much for the land in question as that purchased by them. Mr. Larson replied that there were additional costs, such as advertising, Clerk's fee, etc., that would bring the total to approximately \$15 an acre.

Mr. Mayo stated that Mr. Parrish was under the impression that the land would be sold to him without advertisement, but since that is not the case he requests that bidding be on the tract as a whole and not on separate lots. Governor Caldwell was of the opinion that bids should be asked on separate parcels or on the whole tract and accept whichever was the better bid; that the Trustees probably do not have authority to authorize sale as a whole tract, omitting competitive bidding on separate parcels.

It was explained that applicants were former owners of this tract; that it was subdivided into lots at the

height of the boom; that a favor had been done the Board of State Institutions in the purchase of land for the Farm Colony when part of the acreage of that institution had been lost for airport purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court be instructed to offer the area for sale as a whole tract and not by separate parcels. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Governor Caldwell said, under the circumstances, he was willing to accede to the arrangement in this particular instance but did not want to set a precedent, his opinion being that bids should be called for the whole tract and for separate parcels.

Mr. Elliot was requested to notify Mr. Evans of the action taken.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 16, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edward Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 9 that Mr. Mayo and Mr. Wells look into the matter of giving wider publicity when State lands are being advertised for sale, Mr. Mayo reported that he had studied the question and his recommendation was that rather than run notices in several papers over the State, the Trus-

tees furnish the Florida State Marketing Bureau with copy of all notices for advertisement in the "FOR SALE, WANT AND EXCHANGE" publication put out by the Bureau twice a month. Mr. Mayo explained that there would be no cost attached to such advertisements and copies will be mailed free to any person desiring their name placed on the mailing list; that the bulletin has a wide circulation among people who would be interested in land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the recommendation of Mr. Mayo be adopted as the action of the Trustees and that as wide publicity as possible be given to all land sales.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that hereafter all land sales be advertised with the time for receiving bids designated as eleven o'clock instead of twelve as heretofore. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having referred to the Commissioner of Agriculture the advisability of employing a land appraiser on a full time basis, Mr. Mayo reported that his recommendation was that the Trustees use suitable men in each locality where necessary to obtain additional appraisals or information; that the Trustees have appraisals covering a majority of the State lands, which have been made within the last two or three years, and that it would be less expensive to use parties in each locality and the appraisals by such persons would more nearly reflect the actual value at the time than if a stranger should go in and try to secure such information.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees do not at this time employ an appraiser on a full time basis and that the Land Department be authorized to work out each case with local information. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

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In view of the action taken as to the Land and Timber Appraiser, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the State Road Department, through Mr. F. E. Bayless, Chairman, be allowed to purchase the Plymouth car owned by the Trustees at a price to be agreed upon between Mr. Mayo and



Mr. Bayless. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. J. Irvin Walden presented application of his client, Mr. Roy Crowley, offering \$4 an acre for assignment of Mortgage No. 17334 dated August 12, 1925, from L. G. Johnson and Verdor O. Johnson, involving the following described land in Sarasota County:

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 25, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, containing 80 acres.

Mr. Walden explained that the land was located about thirty miles from Sarasota, Florida, and adjoins land owned by Mr. Crowley. Mr. Crowley has purchased the interest of the heirs of L. G. Johnson in the mortgage and now desires an assignment from the Trustees at a price of \$4 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$4 an acre but agree to accept \$5 an acre for assignment of Mortgage No. 17334 in favor of Mr. Roy Crowley. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to action taken November 28, 1944, on application of M. D. Williams, to purchase an island in the Anclote River at a price of \$150 an acre, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for competitive bidding, and the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, on December 16, 23, 30, 1944, and January 6 and 13, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 13, 1944.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, January 16, 1945, the following described lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Description of island in Anclote River, located in Section 3, Township 27 South, Range 15 East.

"Commencing at a point on line between Sections 2 and 3, Township 27 South, Range 15

East, said point being 2300 feet North of S.E. corner of said Section 3; thence N. 62° 16' W. 783 feet for P.O.B.; thence North 12° 16' W. 114 feet; thence North 80° 46' W. 144 feet; thence North 63° 16' W. 86.8 feet; thence N. 7° 46' W. 67 feet; thence N. 47° 46' W. 147 feet; thence S. 35° 44' W. 142 feet; thence S. 27° 16' E. 147 feet; thence N. 75° 44' E. 64 feet; thence S. 71° 16' E. 81 feet; thence S. 25° 16' E. 128 feet; thence N. 79° 44' E. 186 feet to P.O.B. Area 1.53 acres, more or less."

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes of 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Discussion was had as to the location of the island and the character of the land, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that sale be postponed and the question of authority of the Trustees to sell such land be referred to the Attorney General; also that he be requested to make a personal investigation of the area and report back to the Trustees as soon as possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Based on application from Mr. Julian Southerland of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Miami Beach Heights, offering \$250 an acre for submerged land in Dade County, the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald in the issues of December 13, 20, 27, 1944, and January 3 and 10, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 6, 1944.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee,

Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, January 16, 1945, the following described lands, in DADE COUNTY:

All of the submerged lands situated adjacent to Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, lying wholly within the confines of the westerly, northwesterly and northerly face of the concrete bulkhead now in place. The courses and distances of the confines of said concrete bulkhead being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of 96th Street and the westerly face of the concrete bulkhead situated on the easterly shore of Indian Creek (Biscayne Bay), (said intersection being 1,269.4' feet west of the intersection of the westerly line of Harding Avenue produced northerly, with the center line of 96th Street. The last mentioned intersection is shown and designated as "Point of Beginning" on a plat entitled "OCEAN FRONT SECTION OF BAY HARBOR" and recorded in Plat Book 44, Page 27, Public Records of Dade County, Florida. The said distance of 1,269.4' feet being measured along the center line of 96th Street produced westerly).

Thence run northerly along the westerly face of said concrete bulkhead, along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the left and having for its elements a central angle of  $9^{\circ} 48' 45''$  and a radius of 2,006.29' feet, a distance of 343.60' feet to a point (the chord of the last mentioned circular curve deflecting to the right from the center line of said 96th Street  $82^{\circ} 58' 04''$ , length of chord being 343.18' feet, said point also being the Point of Tangency of the said circular curve;)

Thence run along the westerly face of said concrete bulkhead, along a line tangent to the last mentioned circular curve, a distance of 598.11' feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve;

Thence run along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the left and having for its elements a central angle of  $12^{\circ} 37' 50''$  and a radius

of 1,000.0' feet, a distance of 220.44' feet to the point of reverse curvature;

Thence run along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the right and having for its elements a central angle of  $24^{\circ} 57' 10''$  and a radius of 530.0' feet, a distance of 230.82' feet to the point of reverse curvature of a circular curve;

Thence run along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the left and having for its elements a central angle of  $12^{\circ} 55' 04''$  and a radius of 2,658.0' feet, a distance of 599.27' feet to the point of tangency of said circular curve;

Thence run tangent to the last mentioned curve along the westerly face of said concrete bulkhead, a distance of 462.8' feet to a point; Thence run along a line deflecting to the right  $2^{\circ} 31' 04''$  from the last mentioned course, across the Yacht Basin opening, a distance of 404.47' feet to a point on the westerly face of said concrete bulkhead; Thence run along the westerly face of said bulkhead, along a line deflecting to the left  $1^{\circ} 50' 51''$  from the last mentioned course a distance of 156.18' feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve, deflecting to the right and having for its elements a central angle of  $40^{\circ} 45' 00''$  and a radius of 985.0' feet, a distance of 700.55' feet to the point of compound curvature of a circular curve; Thence run along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the right, along the northwesterly face of said bulkhead, and having for its elements a central angle of  $25^{\circ} 30' 00''$  and a radius of 2,404.0' feet, a distance of 1,069.92' feet to the point of compound curvature; Thence run along the northwesterly face of said bulkhead, along the arc of a circular curve deflecting to the right and having for its elements a central angle of  $35^{\circ} 03' 43''$  and a radius of 302.61' feet, a distance of 185.18' feet to the point of tangency of said circular curve, said point being on the northerly face of the concrete bulkhead situated on the southerly shore of Baker's Haulover, containing Twenty (20) acres, more or less.



THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that sale of the land be postponed and that the Attorney General be requested to advise the Trustees as to authority for sale of such land and also that a personal investigation of this particular area be made. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Kenyon Riddle of West Palm Beach, Florida, with offer of \$240 for a tract of land described as,

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, being that part not included in Government Lot 7 lying West of right of way of West Palm Beach Canal, containing 12 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$240 from Mr. Riddle for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the State Road Department that the Trustees disclaim interest in a portion of the area covered by the Overseas Highway in Monroe County. Information was furnished that the area was the old Florida East Coast railroad right of way and now the right of way of the present Overseas Highway. One section of the area crosses Sections 20 and 29, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, and the other extends from the North Shore of Grassy Key to the South end of Key Vaca, the width of the right of way being 100 feet over the Keys and 400 feet through the water area.

Discussion was had on the subject after which motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr.

Mayo, that the Trustees convey title in the land to the State Road Department but have full oil and mineral reservations confirmed in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to authorize oil lease in favor of River Oil Company covering the bottoms of Suwannee River in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Elliot submitted recommendation from Representative D. P. McKenzie of Levy County that the Trustees advertise for competitive bidding all land in Levy County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that the County Commissioners will then send copies of the paper containing the notice to all persons who might be interested in buying the land; that the sale be held by the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Court House in Bronson, and report made to the Trustees of all bids received.

Discussion was had on the subject and various suggestions offered, resulting in action being deferred pending an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether or not the Trustees had authority to convey land which came to the Trustees under the above Chapter, consideration for which would be the full oil and mineral rights being retained by the Trustees. It was so ordered.

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Telegram was presented from Mr. K. I. McKay requesting information as to whether he should submit proposed assignment of contract of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., to Mr. J. Turner Butler or the Attorney General.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that Mr. Butler had finished the matters for which he had been employed and assignment of the Arnold Contract to the Texas Company should be sent to the Secretary of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. McKay be notified to submit the pro-

posed assignment to Mr. Elliot for examination by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 9th, directing that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Audubon Society be requested to protect and do the necessary conservation work in the proposed Everglades National Park area, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on December 28, 1944, execute a Memorandum of Understanding, which evidences an agreement with officials of the Department of Interior to recommend to the proper authorities the grant and acceptance of title to an area of land within the boundaries of the proposed Everglades National Park pursuant to and subject to the provisions, conditions and limitations of applicable acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida and of the Congress of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States executed the said Memorandum of Understanding on January 12, 1945, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreement, and during the period of ten (10) years from December 6, 1944, referred to in the Memorandum of Understanding, it was deemed essential to carry out wildlife conservation within the area to be included within said Park; and,

WHEREAS, the National Audubon Society has offered and agreed to cooperate in carrying on the necessary protection and conservation work; and,

WHEREAS, the United States, Department of Interior, agreed to cooperate in enforcing and carrying out the applicable provisions of both federal and state laws aforesaid; the Trustees agreed in granting oil, gas, and mineral rights leases and exploratory contracts to require proper disposition of waste materials and to prevent damage to the lands, waters, and adjacent vegetation; and the Trustees, to consolidate their



holdings, will endeavor to exchange lands held by them elsewhere for lands in the proposed Park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hereby request the National Audubon Society and the United States Department of Interior immediately to cooperate with the officials of the State of Florida in enforcing and carrying out applicable provisions of law concerning the protection and conservation of wildlife resources within the area proposed to be transferred to the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Fred D. McMullen, Asst. Atty Gen. ....	\$ 32.90
Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	70.80
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	14.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	69.50
State Road Department of Florida, Tallahassee .....	7.00
Palm Beach Publications, West Palm Beach .....	9.00
J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C., Palm Beach County .....	336.34
American Oil Company, Jacksonville .....	1.13
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville .....	20.20
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Clerk Land Office .....	11.30
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	120.80
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,838.47</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	12/26/44	9
Dixie	12/23/44	1
Escambia	12/23/44	10
Hendry	12/15/44	2
Hernando	12/18/44	33
Hernando	12/30/44	41
Hillsborough	12/26/44	40
Martin	9/25/44	19
Martin	11/13/44	2
Palm Beach	9/15/44	125
Palm Beach	11/10/44	73
Seminole	12/11/44	62
Seminole	1/8/45	20
St. Johns	11/10/44	10
Taylor	12/22/44	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from the United States for permanent and perpetual right of way and easement over Murphy Act land in Wakulla County, covered by Certificate No. 321 of 1933, and located in Section 12, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, containing 0.03 acres. The land will be used as a site for railroad spur track, storage yard, warehouses, platforms, and other uses in connection with the spur track.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the right of way and easement be granted to the United States, subject to approval of the Attorney General as to form of the instrument. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees defer action, pending further information, on request from Board of Public Instruction of Polk County for conveyance of Lots 1 to 20, Block 63, Haines City, Section 29, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, for school purposes of Special Tax

School District No. 2. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Janie Bell Myers, colored, that the Trustees allow protest to Nassau County sale listed on Report No. 52 with Willie Mitchell as high bidder on Lots 1 and 2, Block 13, Oldtown. Information was that former owner was dead but his heirs did not receive notice of sale and the 21-day limit had expired before Janie Bell Myers, one of the heirs, learned of the sale. She has been living on the property and has deposited with the Clerk amount necessary under the protest rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow protest requested and notify the Clerk to proceed with new advertisement and sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request for allowance of protest was submitted from W. H. Norton to sale of Duval County land, described as Lot 13, Block 6, North Brookside, Report No. 50—J. C. and Montine Stone, high bidders. Statement was made that Mr. Norton, former owner, did not receive notice of sale, owing to a mix-up in the plat of the property, and desires an opportunity to regain title to his property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow protest requested by Mr. Norton and that the Clerk be notified to proceed with new advertisement and sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Palm Beach County with statement that protest was filed by Mrs. Estelle B. Poston to joint sale with Everglades Drainage District, but the District declined to allow said protest. Mrs. Poston now requests that the Trustees allow protest. Information was furnished that none of the parties are former owners and Mrs. Poston was present at the sale December 8, 1944, when Charles J. and Frances G. Fox made the high bid of \$12.34, but made no attempt to raise the bid; that she holds quitclaim deed dated in December, 1944, from a party claiming to be former owner.

No report having been received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Secretary be requested to make inquiry of the Clerk as to whether or not a legal protest has been filed. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Request was submitted from Mr. Robert T. Dewell, on behalf of John R. Wadsworth, Jr., and Ernest M. Smith, that the Trustees revoke former action on Polk County sale to his clients and allow deed to be delivered, conveying Lots 32 to 50, Haines City Terminals, Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 27 East.

The Trustees having on December 27, 1944, authorized sale at \$50 to Mr. Egbert N. Bowyer, former owner, on account of certain circumstances, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees wire Mr. Bowyer that unless he deposits \$50 plus costs on or before the 20th of January, 1945, the action will be rescinded and sale in favor of Mr. Dewell's clients will be confirmed and deed delivered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary submitted list of certificates under the Murphy Act which the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the various counties had requested cancelled.

There being question as to several of the certificates, motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the list be referred to the Attorney General's office for report at the next meeting with recommendations. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 2.13
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville .....	13.60
Wiggins Typewriter Repair Shop, Tallahassee .....	7.50
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee .....	24.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	73.08
Geo. J. Dykes, C.C.C., Lake County .....	74.48



J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	23.20
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	250.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	175.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	150.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	175.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Lucile J. Kennedy, Clerk .....	135.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	115.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,518.49</b>

The following refund checks were issued during the month of January, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

T. C. Hart	
c/o Anna Mae Taylor, C.C.C.	
Hardee County	
Wauchula, Florida .....	\$ 5.00
C. B. Arbogast	
c/o J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C.	
Martin County	
Stuart, Florida .....	60.00
D. H. Dorsett	
c/o J. L. McMullen, C.C.C.	
Suwannee County	
Live Oak, Florida .....	45.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 110.00</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 23, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the Minutes dated December 11, 19, 27, 28, 1944, and January 10, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Watson reported that he had prepared shell lease in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company and asked if the Trustees desired the lease executed and delivered before investigation as to the physical facts was made by Mr. Mayo's office.

The subject was further discussed and Mr. Mayo suggested that the Conservation Department not be a party to the lease as there was no duty to be performed by that department in the operation of the lease.

At the suggestion of the Governor action was deferred until the Governor could have opportunity to study the case and confer with the Conservation Commissioner as to the shell beds in the area involved.

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The Secretary reported as information that the Memorandum of Understanding adopted by the Trustees December 28, 1944, had been signed by Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, January 12, 1945, and one copy returned to the Trustees; that the Memorandum of Understanding would be delivered to the Land Office and that deed conveying an area in Dade, Monroe and Collier Counties would be forwarded by the Land Department to the Department of the Interior, for the proposed Everglades National Park.

Request was presented from the Land Department that refund check be drawn in favor of Albert Leitner. It was explained that Mr. Leitner had requested satisfaction of a portion of Mortgage No. 17199 sending check in payment therefor but it was later found that release had already been executed and payment made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve refund of \$40 to Mr. Leitner and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in that amount. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from C. A. Bailey, Belle Glade, Florida, offering \$10 an acre for Sections 11 and 12, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, containing 1280 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. Bailey. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$3 an acre was presented from William Moser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for unsurveyed land described as follows:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 47 South, Range 30 East, unsurveyed W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, and unsurveyed Section 36, in Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer of \$3 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees had received notice that tax deed had been applied for on Government Lot 2, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 38 East, which is covered by Mortgage No. 17582 dated March 25, 1926, from P. J. Sexton.

It was explained that the payments have not been kept up on the land and taxes have become delinquent, resulting in purchase of a certificate by an individual and the amount necessary to redeem the land is \$121.00. Land in Brevard County.



Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and if approved by him that warrant be issued for redeeming the land from taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Request was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District desiring easement grant for depositing spoil material on an area in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, South of Hunter's Island.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District to be used for depositing spoil material on areas designated as:

MSA 6-A—14.69	acres
MSA 6-B—13.77	"
MSA 9-B—13.77	"
MSA 9-C—13.77	"
MSA 694—5.74	"

located in Sections 10 and 15, Township 43 South, Range 43 East; in Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, and in Section 29, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from L. J. Robbins of Arcadia, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on an area known locally as "The Rocks" in Lake Okeechobee, North of Observation Island. Offer of \$50 per annum was made for the parcel, comprising approximately 300 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Attorney Charles O. Andrews, Jr., on behalf of Dr. Richard H. Walker, offering \$300 an acre for lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to his upland property, being Lots 29 and 30 of C. H. Hoffner's S/D, Plat Book F, Page 37, Orange County Records, Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

No survey having been made of the area applied for, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr.

Larson, that the Trustees request Dr. Walker to have a survey made of the parcel desired and submit the same with his offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

G. M. Simmons, Clerk Circuit Court, Brevard County—Redemption tax certificate .....	\$121.00
Albert Leitner, Clewiston Refund .....	40.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$161.00</b>

Financial Statements for the month of December, 1944, are as follows:

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
UNDER CHAPTER 610**

**Financial Statement for the Month of December, 1944**

Balance as of December 1, 1944 ..... \$220,796.95

**Receipts for the Month**

Land Sales .....	\$92,613.67
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Palm Beach County .....	418.77
Mineral Lease .....	18.75
Grazing Lease .....	63.38
Sand & Shell Leases .....	650.08
Miscellaneous Lease .....	.75
Sale of Trustee's Minutes .....	5.00
Pipe Line R/w .....	75.00
<b>Total Receipts for December, 1944 .....</b>	<b>93,845.40</b>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$314,642.35</b>
<b>Less Disbursements for the month of December, 1944 .....</b>	<b>1,863.77</b>
<b>BALANCE as of December 31, 1944 .....</b>	<b>\$312,778.58</b>

**Disbursements for the Month of December, 1944**

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-30-44	124692	F. C. Elliot .....	\$ 328.80
	124693	F. Elgin Bayless .....	294.25
	124694	M. O. Barco .....	151.80
	124695	Jentye Dedge .....	151.80
	124696	H. L. Shearer .....	75.00
	124697	J. B. Lee .....	20.00
	124698	David B. Ericson .....	192.40
	124699	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	124700	Protective Life Ins. Co. ....	2.95
	124836	Comptroller of Florida .....	15.55
	124837	J. Turner Butler .....	88.05
	124838	F. Elgin Bayless .....	45.00
	129089	J. Edwin Larson, ST-Trans- fer to Sch. Fd. ....	220.17
		Withholding Tax .....	228.00
<b>TOTAL Disbursements for the Month of December, 1944 .....</b>			<b>\$1,863.77</b>

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORA-**  
**TION FUND UNDER CHAPTER 20667,**  
**ACTS OF 1941.**

**Financial Statement for the Month of December, 1944**

Balance as of December 1, 1944 .....	\$ 986.64
Receipts for the Month	
Oil Lease .....	\$7,125.00
Total Receipts for the month of December .....	7,125.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$8,111.64</b>
Less Disbursements for the month of December, 1944 .....	—0—
<b>BALANCE as of December 31, 1944 .....</b>	<b>\$8,111.64</b>

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

**Financial Statement for the Month of December, 1944**

Balance as of December 1, 1944 .....	\$ 32,729.03
Receipts for the month .....	76,587.01
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$109,316.04</b>
Less Disbursements for the month .....	95,250.00
<b>BALANCE</b> as of December 31, 1944 .....	<b>\$ 14,066.04</b>

**Disbursements for the Month of December, 1944**

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-30-44	125529	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 224.00
	125530	Helen Phillips .....	149.40
	125531	Mary Evans Voss .....	130.40
	125532	J. R. Roberts .....	165.00
	125533	M. O. Barco .....	25.00
	125534	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	125535	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	125536	Lucile J. Kennedy .....	119.40
	125537	Mildred F. Scott .....	146.00
	125538	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	113.30
	129085	J. Edwin Larson, ST-Trans- fer to GR .....	94,000.00
		Withholding Tax .....	102.50
<b>TOTAL Disbursements for the Month of December, 1944</b> .....			<b>\$95,250.00</b>

**SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were ready for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Dade	11/8/44	6
Dade	11/15/44	5
Duval	11/21/44	173



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Duval	12/28/44	65
Hillsborough	12/11/44	29
Polk	10/31/44	1
Seminole	12/11/44	2
Seminole	1/8/45	1
Washington	3/8/44	1
Washington	3/8/44	1
Washington	5/10/44	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Robert T. Dewell came before the Trustees and requested reconsideration of action taken December 27, 1944, in the matter of sale of Lots 32 to 50, Haines City Terminals, Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, which action provided for cancellation of sale to clients of Mr. Dewell and authorization for deed to be executed in favor of Mr. Bowyer at a price of \$50.00, an amount less than the bid at regular sale—\$142.50. John R. Wadsworth, Jr., and Ernest M. Smith, high bidders at sale September 29, 1944.

Discussion was had on the subject and information furnished by Mr. Dewell which had not heretofore been placed before the board.

Upon consideration of information from both parties, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Secretary of the Trustees be requested to furnish memorandum covering the case and that the Attorney General be instructed to write Mr. Boyer that the Trustees have rescinded action authorizing delivery of deed to him at a price of \$50.00; that deed will not be delivered to Wadsworth and Smith, high bidders at sale September 29, 1944, but the whole matter will be held in abeyance for thirty (30) days. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from Alex J. McClosky for release of State road right of way reserved by the

Trustees in Hillsborough County Deeds No. 3086, No. 3153 and No. 3397.

Without objection it was ordered that action on the request be deferred pending conference between the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot with reference to such releases.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act lands in Pinellas County located in Sections 12 and 13 of Township 27 South, Range 15 East, and in Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18 in Township 27 South, Range 16 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the lands described for use in connection with State Road No. 15—Project 1502-107—SRD No. 1. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from the Attorney General, recommending that the Trustees stipulate with the United States in a condemnation suit entered by the Federal Government designated as,

U. S. A. Petitioner vs. 2100 Acres in Hernando County, Florida, and Hernando Development Co., et al. No. 549-T-Civil (File 3450).

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees stipulate with the United States as requested, thereby agreeing to accept not less than one-fourth the 1932 assessed value for Tract 31-A, Plat Book 3, Page 38, covered by Certificate No. 4091 of 1933. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Mr. J. S. Long, requesting that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to accept his application to purchase 130 acres of land in Section 13, Township 27 South, Range 17 East, Hillsborough County, which tract was withdrawn from sale at the request of the Park Board of Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the

Circuit Court of Hillsborough County to accept application from Mr. Long for the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Resolution was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County requesting that the Trustees convey to the County without payment additional land for reforestation and park purposes. The land requested was assessed in 1932 at \$10,580.00.

It was the understanding of the Trustees that the several areas already conveyed to Hillsborough County, without consideration, was all that the Trustees would be justified in deeding unless offer was made to make payment somewhere in line with the regular base bid. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to grant request of Hillsborough County, and that all areas heretofore withdrawn from sale at the request of the county be restored to the list of lands for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson, making recommendation with reference to Certificate No. 978 of 1927 certified to the State under the Murphy Act, covering the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 20 East, Hernando County. It was explained that the land was purchased by H. S. Simmons in 1941; that prior thereto the former owner had attempted to pay all his taxes but one certificate was overlooked by the Clerk.

Recommendation of the Attorney General was that the present owner of the land be allowed to redeem the certificate held by the Trustees under the Murphy Act, and with respect to taxes from 1936 to 1940 inclusive, and for the years 1942 and 1943, he should consult the County Attorney of Hernando County for determining whether or not the taxes are subject to redemption.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of the Attorney General and direct the Clerk of Hernando County to proceed accordingly; also notify Mr. Simmons of the action taken and suggest that he take the matter up with the Clerk and also the County

Attorney. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, for conveyance of approximately 1527 twenty-five foot lots in the subdivisions of Mari-mont, Marian Park and Woodlawn, together with offer of \$1527 for said lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$1527 for the lots applied for by the City of West Palm Beach, and that conveyance be made under the provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, deed to contain the provision that the land be used for municipal purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the City of Titusville that the Trustees withhold from sale any Murphy Act land located within the city limits of said town, and allow sufficient time for the City to prepare lists of the lots and submit a bid to the Trustees for purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County be directed to stop sales for a period of thirty (30) days on all Murphy Act land located within the city limits of Titusville where no application or sale is now pending, within which time the City is to furnish the Trustees with list of lands with offer to purchase. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County requesting that the Trustees make some disposition of a pending sale and trespass case. The Secretary explained that D. L. Chesser of Interlachen, Florida, removed timber estimated at \$60.82 from approximately 160 acres of land in Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County; that he also applied to purchase this land, together with 40 acres in Section 36 of Township 12 South, Range 27 East, and submitted a bid of \$115.00 which was the highest bid received for the land; that the deed was held up pending settlement for the trespass, and Mr. Chesser has refused to pay for the timber taken.



Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County be directed to transmit to the Trustees from funds deposited for purchase of the lands involved the amount of trespass—\$60.82—and that the balance be refunded to D. L. Chesser; also that the sale at which Mr. Chesser was high bidder and the deed be cancelled, and that the land be placed on the list of lands for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having requested the Attorney General to examine and report on requests from various Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certificates which are listed under the Murphy Act, the Attorney General submitted the following list of certificates, recommending that the Trustees disclaim interest therein under Chapter 18296:

**ALACHUA COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 5076 of 1933

Ctf. No. 5809 of 1933

**BREVARD COUNTY**

Pt. Ctf. No. 4632 of 1928

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 104 of 1934

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 1472 of 1932

Ctf. No. 81 of 1930

**DADE COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 6580 to

6587 inc. of 1928

**DESOTO COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 1857 of 1897

Ctf. No. 48 of 1929

Ctf. No. 54 of 1929

Ctf. No. 61 of 1929

Ctf. No. 63 of 1929

Ctf. No. 64 of 1929

Ctf. No. 161 of 1934

**GADSDEN COUNTY**

Ctf. No. 435 of 1933

HARDEE COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 698 of 1926

NASSAU COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 28 of 1915

OSCEOLA COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 7329 of 1933

SARASOTA COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 1827 of 1931  
Ctf. No. 3469 of 1932

SUWANNEE COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 2185 of 1931  
Ctf. No. 1100B of 1933  
Ctf. No. 422 of 1932  
Ctf. No. 1568B of 1933  
Ctf. No. 254 of 1903  
Ctf. No. 123 of 1904  
Ctf. No. 1035 of 1931  
Ctf. No. 1581B of 1933

TAYLOR COUNTY  
Ctf. No. 150 of 1920  
Ctf. No. 150 of 1921  
Ctf. No. 1122 of 1933

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of the Attorney General and disclaim interest in the certificates listed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that there would be available for transfer to General Revenue from funds under Chapter 18296 the sum of \$50,000.00, and that the Comptroller was being requested to issue warrant to the State Treasurer as follows:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368**

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer,  
For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 6, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells.

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The Trustees advertised for sale on January 30 certain land in Palm Beach County applied for by A. A. Poston with bid of \$1.50 per acre. A quorum of the board not being present on that date the sale was postponed till February 6.

One of the parties interested in sale of the land not being present, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land readvertised for competitive bidding, based on an offer of \$2.10 from A. A. Poston, on behalf of his client, F. J. Lewis. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk requested to notify all interested parties when sale would be held.

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Pursuant to application from A. A. Poston, on behalf of client, the Trustees advertised for sale on January 30, land in Palm Beach County with an offer of \$3.50 an acre, but a quorum not being present sale was deferred till this date. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 31, 1944, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1945:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 21, 1944

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, January 30, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

Lots 11 and 12, Section 30, Township 41 South, Range 39 East, containing 92.26 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids Miss Dot Tucker, representing Mr. Thad Whidden of Pahokee, Florida, raised the offer of Mr. Poston to \$6 an acre, which was the highest bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of \$6 an acre from Mr. Whidden be accepted for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Based on application from Florida Power and Light Company with offer of \$500 an acre for a parcel of land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections only and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 26, 1944, January 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 22, 1944

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON January 30, 1945, the following described land in PALM BEACH County:

A tract or parcel of submerged land in an unsurveyed portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Fractional Section 27, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, which said tract is located adjoining and South of Sherman Point Bridge Right-of-Way, and adjoining and North of a tract of submerged



land owned by Florida Power and Light Company, and East and adjoining Right-of-Way of Florida Intracoastal Waterway.

Said tract is approximately 800 feet East and West by 520 feet North and South, average dimensions. Exact description to be furnished with deed. Containing, subject to survey, 9.6 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the sale be confirmed in favor of Florida Power and Light Company at the price of \$500 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to application from J. C. Jackman with offer of \$3.25 an acre for land in Hendry County, the Trustees directed that the land be advertised for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in the Clewiston News on January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 1, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, offer for sale to be sold to the highest bidder, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 6, 1945, the following described lands in HENDRY COUNTY:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 4,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8,  
All of Section 10,

All of Section 16,  
Township 45 South, Range 33 East.

(Lands to be sold subject to Grazing Leases No. 311 and No. 312, expiring April 28, 1948.)

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Section 270.07, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary, Trustees I. I. Fund.  
Colin English, Secretary, State Board  
of Education.

Upon call for bids, the only offer received was \$3.25 an acre from Mr. Jackman, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$3.25 an acre for the land advertised, sale to be subject to outstanding Grazing Leases Nos. 311 and 312 expiring April 28, 1948. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The suggestion was made that the Trustees have certain days on which to hold sales of land advertised for bids and objections and give as much publicity as possible to those dates.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees set aside the first and third Tuesday in each month as land sales' dates and give notice of such dates in the newspapers of the State, the first sale under said rule to be March 20th. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was also made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that hereafter all lands be advertised before sales are made and that applicant be required to deposit an amount equal to advertising costs when making application to purchase State land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Information was furnished that there was some misunderstanding with reference to request from Mr. Bayless to purchase the Plymouth car owned by the Trustees for the State Road Department. It was explained that Mr. Bayless desired to purchase the car personally and not for the Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees present the car to Mr. Bayless, provided the Attorney General advised that there was legal authority for making such disposition of the car. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting No for the reason that he had opposed purchase of the car in the first instance.

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Application was presented from Mr. L. A. Morris of Welaka, Florida, offering \$50 annually for four year lease covering a small area near the north end of Seven Sisters Island, located on the east side of the St. Johns River in Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease for a period of four years to Earl H. Morris covering the parcel applied for, upon payment of \$50 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$200.00 was presented from Hal Y. Maines of Lake Butler, Florida, on behalf of client, for purchase of

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 19 East, containing 40 acres in Union County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Mr. Maines be declined and that counter proposal be made to sell the property at \$250.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having referred to the Attorney General for examination the sale of Pinellas County land, advertised for competitive bids to be received on January 16, 1945, Mr. Watson reported that the sale could be made.

Mr. Wells stated that the parcel applied for was a small island in Anclote River, comprising 1.53 acres in

Section 3, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, and the offer of \$150 an acre from M. D. Williams was the only bid received. Copy of Notice giving detailed description appears in Minutes of January 16, 1945. Mr. Williams requests that if sale was made to him that permission be given to construct a causeway to the mainland property of purchaser.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the small island in the Anclote River in favor of M. D. Williams at a price of \$150 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

No action was taken at this time on request for permission to construct a causeway.

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Disposition having been postponed on sale of Dade County land advertised for objections to be heard January 16th, consideration was again given to the subject. Explanation was made that J. Julien Southerland, on behalf of Miami Beach Heights, Inc., made an offer of \$250.00 an acre for submerged lands adjacent to Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, comprising approximately 20 acres, and the Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only based on that offer; that the Attorney General was requested to advise the Trustees whether they had authority to sell the land in question. (Minutes of January 16th carry copy of Notice with detailed description.) The Attorney General reported that the land could be sold and consideration was given to the price offered, which the Trustees thought was not sufficient, compared with other recent sales in that general locality. Suggestion was made that the price be around \$1000 an acre, and the matter was ordered held until the applicant could be notified of the position of the Board.

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A. A. Poston, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, offered \$10 an acre for a parcel of land in Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, lying between the Westerly meander line of Government Lot 8 and the Southerly projection of the line between Government Lots 5 and 6, to a point of intersection with the Westerly projection of the south line of the North 920 feet of Govern-



ment Lot 8 of said section. The parcel is desired for squaring up the Poor Farm property.

The Attorney General reported that the Trustees have authority to sell the land to the County, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$10 an acre for the land described, the deed to carry reversion clause in event the land is used for other than poor farm purposes of the County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$2.00 an acre from Harry H. Wells, on behalf of O. E. Hobbs, for purchase of

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 13 West, containing approximately 200 acres in Bay County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Brown Company of Portland, Maine, submitted proposal to the Trustees for exchange of land owned by the State in Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, for land owned by Brown Company in another locality.

Mr. Richardson was requested to submit the proposal in writing and indicate on a map the State ownership and the property owned by Brown Company, for consideration at a later meeting. It was so ordered.

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Suggestion was made by Attorney General Watson that Sheriffs of the various counties be furnished with list of State owned land, especially timbered areas, and their attention called to the statutes providing for protection of State property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Attorney General be furnished with a list of lands owned by the State where there was any possibility of timber of any value being located thereon, with the view of having the Sheriffs check on trespass. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Attorney General absent for remainder of the meeting.

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Inquiry was made as to application from the Town of Belle Glade for easement deed through Murphy Act land in Palm Beach County. Information was furnished that the matter was being handled in the Attorney General's office and would be presented to the Trustees as soon as certain information could be obtained.

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Application was presented from Dr. Richard E. Halton of Sarasota, Florida, to purchase Lot 19, Block "A", Bay View Subdivision of Sarasota, and offered \$50 for the lot. Title to the land vested in the State under the provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Dr. Halton, and make counter proposal to accept \$125 for the lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the City of Sarasota that the Trustees convey Lot 8, Berry & Small Subdivision of Lot 15, Block "I", Plat of Sarasota, title to which vested in the State under the provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929. An offer of \$150 was made for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of \$150 be declined, and that a counter proposal be submitted to accept \$300 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary reported that by Executive Orders dated December 29, 1944 and January 10, 1945, the following persons were appointed on the State Committee on Water Resources:

James H. Allen, Pensacola	Doyle E. Carlton, Tampa
Amos Davis, Quincy	Frank Holland, Winter
L. A. Wesson, Tallahassee	Haven
Geo. Pierce, Jacksonville	Harry King, Winter Haven
Mark Fleishel, Cross City	Warren Roberts, Orlando
Wallace Sturgis, Ocala	A. B. Michael, Wabasso
Lacy Thomas, Groveland	Sam Chastain, Pahokee
Henry Partin, Kissimmee	Frank Sterling, Davis
W. A. Lefler, Sanford	William A. Glass, Miami

Also, in such Orders it was provided that "actual and necessary expenses of the members of the committee and of those who may be employed by them as assistants shall be paid out of the Internal Improvement Fund."

No formal action having been taken by the Trustees on the subject and an expense account having been rendered from Mr. Leonard Wesson, the Secretary's office desires instruction for handling.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize payment of expense accounts when rendered by any member of the State Committee on Water Resources, upon approval by the Governor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to the foregoing action, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following expense account be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrant in payment therefor:

L. A. Wesson, Tallahassee, Florida, Member State Committee on Water Resources, Expense account on trip to Orlando January 16 to January 18, 1945 .....	\$22.00
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The following bids were submitted for printing Volume 24 Minutes of the Trustees for the years 1943 and 1944:

Artcraft Printers .....	\$3.25 per page
Capital City Publishing Co. ....	3.20 " "
H. & W. B. Drew Company .....	4.90 " "
Rose Printing Company .....	2.95 " "

based on 175 paper bound and 25 leather bound copies.

Rose Printing Company having submitted the lowest bid, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$2.95 per page for printing the minutes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported

that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/20/44	29
Bay	12/26/44	5
Bay	1/22/45	1
Brevard	12/19/44	30
Broward	12/18/44	2299
Charlotte	12/11/44	2
Charlotte	1/8/45	3
Clay	12/9/44	1
Clay	12/23/44	5
Clay	12/30/44	2
Clay	1/27/45	2
Columbia	12/5/44	8
Columbia	1/2/45	4
Dade	6/30/44	1
Dade	12/6/44	77
Dixie	1/6/45	10
Hamilton	12/11/44	10
Hamilton	1/1/45	1
Hardee	1/1/45	4
Hendry	1/26/45	2
Hernando	11/27/44	34
Highlands	1/1/45	1
Hillsborough	1/22/45	61
Holmes	12/11/44	1
Holmes	12/26/44	1
Holmes	1/8/45	1
Holmes	1/22/45	1
Indian River	12/18/44	14
Jefferson	1/8/45	8
Lake	12/11/44	30
Levy	1/8/45	3
Marion	12/4/44	21
Monroe	11/9/44	36
Nassau	1/15/45	5
Okaloosa	7/10/43	4
Okaloosa	8/9/43	4
Okaloosa	12/6/43	5
Okaloosa	1/24/44	8
Okaloosa	2/6/44	5
Okeechobee	12/18/44	1
Okeechobee	1/15/45	15



COUNTY	SALE DATE OF	BIDS NO. OF
Orange	12/4/44	26
Palm Beach	11/10/44	9
Palm Beach	12/8/44	88
Polk	12/29/44	54
Suwannee	12/4/44	13
Taylor	1/12/45	5
Volusia	11/6/44	1
Wakulla	9/27/44	3
Wakulla	10/11/44	1
Wakulla	10/18/44	1
Washington	9/9/44	7
Washington	11/6/44	11

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Two requests were presented for issuance of correction deeds as follows:

Hardee County—Request for correction deed in favor of T. C. Hart for the purpose of eliminating a parcel which was erroneously certified under Chapter 18296,

Volusia County—Request for correction deed to Madeline H. Pritchard for the purpose of correcting lot number from 19 to 10.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Hardee County Deed No. 286-Cor. to T. C. Hart, and Volusia County Deed No. 1661-Cor. to Madeline H. Pritchard, for the purpose of correcting the errors set forth in requests. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson, together with copy of telegram sent to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, in connection with sale of land advertised for February 5, 1945. It was explained that the land was formerly owned by Mr. B. Bragdon who is now physically and mentally

incapacitated and his attorneys, Davis, Davis and McClure of Madison, Florida, requested that the sale be held up until they could investigate the legal phases of the case. A quorum of the Trustees not being available, the Attorney General wired the Clerk to hold up the sale until further notice and he desired the board to have knowledge of this action.

Pending information from attorneys of the former owner, no action was deemed necessary.

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Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nassau County that the Trustees allow him to use a short form of description in advertising approximately 40 acres subdivided into lots and blocks; also that he be allowed to offer the property as a whole and not in separate parcels, and that notice to former owners be waived.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for advice as to whether the Trustees have authority to grant request from Nassau County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from Duval County that protest by former owner be allowed to sale of October 16, 1944, at which Prince McIntosh, colored, was high bidder at \$55.00. Information was furnished that the former owner is an inmate of a New York insane asylum and is represented by her sister in protesting the sale. The Clerk recommends that protest be allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize allowance of the protest as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from the City of Fort Meade, Polk County, that the Trustees cancel Polk County Deed No. 2140, sale of July 31, 1944, involving land in Block G of Dzialynski Sub. of Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 21 East, and convey the land, together with other parcels described, under Chapter 20424 of 1941 upon payment of \$1 per lot or parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for examination and recommendation as to

whether deed should be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was again submitted from the Board of Public Instruction of Polk County that the Trustees convey without compensation

Lots 1 to 20, Block 63, Haines City, Section 29, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, comprising 2.3 acres

to be used as a playground area and later as a probable building site.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the lots applied for, consideration to be \$5 and the deed to contain a reservation that the land will be used for public school purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Suggestion was made that for all deeds executed by the Trustees conveying land under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, 21684 and 21929, Acts of 1943, where the consideration is less than \$5 that a minimum charge of \$5 be made for such deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be taken up with the Attorney General and final action had at the next meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Information was submitted from Everglades Drainage District that the District desired to raise the base bid for joint sales under Chapter 18296 from ten times the zone rate for 1941 taxes to fourteen times said rate and requested that the Trustees approve that rate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve as the base bid, for joint sales within Everglades Drainage District, fourteen times the zone rate for 1941 taxes in compliance with request from the District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that protests from the following parties be re-

ferred to the Attorney General for investigation and recommendation:

Alachua County—Second protest by former owner, Chas. G. Woodbridge;

Duval County—Protest by former owner, Cecil O. Graham;

Charlotte County—Request from General Securities Co. that protest of former owner, J. W. Jones, not be allowed.

Palm Beach County—Protest from Mrs. Estelle Poston, claiming to be former owner.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having authorized an easement in favor of the United States across Murphy Act land in Wakulla County, subject to approval of the form by the Attorney General, the instrument as recommended by Mr. Watson was submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution of permanent easement in favor of the United States, as approved by the Attorney General, covering a right of way through Lot 81, Town of Sopchoppy. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 13, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.



F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Comptroller J. M. Lee asked for further information as to payment of expense accounts presented by members of the State Committee on Water Resources, action having been taken February 6th that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would pay such expenses.

Governor Caldwell suggested that the matter be taken up with the Secretary of the Committee who would be able to give the data required. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to several applications from parties located at Branford, Florida, the Trustees on January 9, 1945, ordered land in Suwannee County advertised for competitive bidding, and the following Notice was published in the Live Oak Democrat of Live Oak, Florida, in the issues of January 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd and 9th, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 10, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 13, 1945, the following described lands in SUWANNEE COUNTY, Florida:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6,  
Township 6 South, Range 14 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes of 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The description was read out and bids called for. Competitive bidding resulted in an offer of \$7.50 an acre being made by Senator G. Warren Sanchez on behalf of Lloyd E. Cribbs, for the land advertised. Senator Sanchez also offered \$7.50 an acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, 80 acres—not advertised for bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of \$7.50 an acre from Mr. Cribbs for the land advertised and also for the 80 acres in the same section described as not advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers accepted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$5.25 an acre from J. Lawrence Perry of Tampa, Florida, for Section 15, Township 46 South, Range 38 East, containing 640 acres in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Julius F. Parker offering \$7.50 an acre for

Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer be declined and counter proposal submitted that if Mr. Parker will agree to bid not less than \$10 an acre, the land will be advertised for competitive bidding. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from E. S. Boyd of Sarasota, Florida, with offer of \$600 for assignment of Mortgage No. 17693 dated in 1926 from J. Phil Martin, involving 12.65 acres in Section 7, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. It was explained that there is a balance due on the mortgage of \$950.00 principal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$600.00 for assignment of Mortgage No. 17693, but make a

counter proposal to accept \$750.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from Florida Power and Light Company for right of way across the following described land in Palm Beach County:

Lot 12, Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 36 East; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 5, Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 36 East; Lot 1, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

The Company offers fifty cents (50¢) per rod for 386 rods over which the line will run.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the Florida Power and Light Company at the price offered and that the Attorney General be requested to make investigation as to prices being paid for private property and also look into form of easement being used by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of \$3 an acre from A. R. Richardson for purchase of

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, containing 320 acres in Union County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Governor Caldwell suggested that if applicant desired to make a bid of \$5 an acre, the land could be advertised for sale.

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Comptroller Lee inquired as to what action had been taken with reference to employment of a Land Appraiser for the Trustees, in reply to which the Governor advised that action had been taken that for the present any appraisals needed would be obtained locally. Further discussion was had on the subject, Mr. Lee expressing the opinion that with the activity in land sales now was the time the Trustees needed a man especially for appraisals; also that he knew of a man who was qualified to handle the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Secretary list as the first item on his agenda for the next meeting the subject of employing a Land Appraiser for the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon recommendation of the Secretary that salaries of several employees be raised, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the salary of each of the following employees be raised \$25.00 per month:

F. C. Elliot  
M. O. Barco  
Jentye Dedge

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Financial Statements for the month of January are as follows:

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
UNDER CHAPTER 610**

**Financial Statement for the Month of January, 1945**

Balance as of January 1, 1945 ..... \$312,778.58

**Receipts for the Month**

Land Sales .....	\$18,168.39
Land Leases .....	26.25
Agricultural Lease .....	1,063.63
Farm Leases .....	3,099.52
Timber Leases .....	120.49
Mineral Lease .....	18.75
Grazing Leases .....	1,970.64
Shell Leases .....	356.30
Military Campsite .....	.75
Sale, 5,000 Cu. Yds. Fill Material	
New River Sound .....	187.50

Total Receipts for January, 1945 ..... 25,012.22

**TOTAL** ..... **\$337,790.80**

Less Disbursements for the month of

    January, 1945 ..... 12,851.63

**BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1945** ..... **\$324,939.17**



**Disbursements for the Month of January, 1945**

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
1-3-45	130923	J. Turner Butler .....	\$ 7,500.00
1-4-45	132365	T. C. Douglas .....	50.00
	132366	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	5.50
	132367	District Court of U.S.A. ....	.65
	132368	J. Alex Arnette, CCC .....	1.45
	132369	Mrs. Laura C. Garrett .....	21.00
	132370	Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co. ....	39.90
	132371	Free Press Publishing Co. ....	101.40
	132372	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	59.25
	132373	Standard Oil Co. ....	3.68
1-10-45	135893	J. Edwin Larson, St. Tr. ....	
		Transfer of 3% .....	3,648.00
1-31-45	148311	F. C. Elliot .....	321.70
	148312	M. O. Barco .....	151.10
	148313	Jentye Dedge .....	151.10
	148314	H. L. Shearer .....	75.00
	148315	J. B. Lee .....	20.00
	148316	David B. Ericson .....	185.40
	148317	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	148318	F. Elgin Bayless .....	11.30
	152319	Fred D. McMullen, AAG .....	32.90
	152320	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	70.80
	152321	Albert Leitner .....	40.00
	152853	J. M. Lee, Comptroller .....	120.80
		Withholding Tax .....	190.70

TOTAL Disbursements for the Month of  
January, 1945 .....\$12,851.63

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS  
EXPLORATION FUND**

**UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941****Financial Statement for the Month of January 1945**

Balance as of January 1, 1945 .....	\$ 8,111.64
Receipts for the Month	
Oil Leases .....	\$5,632.50 5,632.50
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$13,744.14</b>

Disbursements for the Month .....	—0—
<b>BALANCE as of January 31, 1945 .....</b>	<b>\$13,744.14</b>

**TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND  
UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

**Financial Statement for the Month of January, 1945**

Balance as of January 1, 1945 .....	\$14,066.04
Receipts for the Month .....	69,274.46
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$83,340.50</b>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	1,624.96
<b>BALANCE as of January 31, 1945 .....</b>	<b>\$81,715.54</b>

**Disbursements for the Month of January, 1945**

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
1-4-45	132374	F. M. and Berniece A. Ford .....	\$ 25.00
	132375	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	2.76
	132376	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co. ....	164.00
	132377	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
1-31-45	148319	Ernest Hewitt .....	224.10
	148320	Helen Phillips .....	148.60
	148321	Mary Evans Voss .....	128.50
	148322	J. R. Roberts .....	165.20
	148323	M. O. Barco .....	25.00
	148324	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	148325	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	148326	Lucile J. Kennedy .....	116.80
	148327	Mildred F. Scott .....	136.90
	148328	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	109.30
	152322	T. C. Hart .....	5.00
	152323	C. B. Arbogast .....	60.00
	152324	D. H. Dorsett .....	45.00
	152325	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	23.20
		Withholding Tax .....	120.60

<b>TOTAL Disbursements for the Month of January, 1945 .....</b>	<b>\$1,624.96</b>
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**SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 and reported that

they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Brevard	12/19/44	1
Citrus	2/7/45	10
Dade	12/8/44	89
Hamilton	2/5/45	3
Hillsborough	1/22/45	2
Indian River	1/22/45	16
Jefferson	1/8/45	1
Lake	1/8/45	22
Orange	1/1/45	17
Pasco	1/1/45	5
Polk	12/29/44	2
Santa Rosa	1/1/45	11
St. Johns	1/12/45	7
St. Lucie	12/4/44	11
St. Lucie	1/1/45	5
Sumter	12/18/44	36
Taylor	1/26/45	1
Wakulla	12/6/44	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Pinellas County for correction deed to be issued in favor of O. W. Hill and Dot Hill, his wife, instead of O. W. Hill.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Deed No. 2400-COR. for the purpose of correcting name of grantee as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Report was presented from Attorney General Watson having reference to three requests for allowance of protests from former owners which were referred to him from the meeting of February 6th. Recommendation of the Attorney General is in substance as follows:

Alachua County—Request from Chas. G. Woodbridge for allowance of second protest. Recommendation is that protest be not allowed as former owner had notice of and was represented at both sales. No equities presented to justify withholding deed to highest bidder at second sale, and second protest is contrary to rule of Trustees;

Duval County—Request from Cecil O. Graham for allowance of protest. Recommendation is that request be denied as the former owner was advised in time to file protest within the 21-day limit and both he and his attorney failed to do so;

Palm Beach County—Request from Mrs. Estelle Poston, claiming to be former owner by virtue of deed which was executed subsequent to time title to the land vested in the State. Recommendation is that protest be allowed for the reason that protest was filed within the 21-day limit by a citizen who proposes to pay more for the land than the bid protested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the recommendation of the Attorney General in each of the three cases be accepted and approved as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Attorney General Watson reported that he had requested a sale of land in Madison County held up pending investigation of certain legal questions by the attorney of a former owner; that through error a second parcel of land was also withheld from sale, and he recommended that the Trustees direct the Clerk to readvertise the parcel described as,

15½ acres of Lot 180 Orig. Georgia, SW Corner of Township 3 North, Range 7 East,

and pay cost of such new advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to re-advertise the parcel erroneously withheld from sale and submit bill for such notice to the Trustees for payment. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.



Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees defer action on applications from City of Titusville and City of West Palm Beach for conveyance of a large number of lots within the limits of the respective towns, pending investigation as to whether there are any improvements on the lots. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Everglades Drainage District that the Trustees allow former owners to acquire lands which had been withheld and set aside as Conservation Areas, the District being of the opinion that such sales would in no wise jeopardize the proposed water conservation plans.

Upon expression of views by the board, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request be denied at this time and held for further consideration when more information can be furnished on the subject. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from W. J. Sears, Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida requesting that the Trustees allow Mr. Seth F. A. Wood to purchase the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Block 25, Town of Archer, for the amount of delinquent taxes, and not allow the parcel to go to sale as advertised. Statement was made that Mr. Wood is an heir of the former owner of the property which was offered at Murphy Act Sale November 22, 1944, and bid in by B. M. Bishop. Protest from Mr. Wood was allowed by the Trustees December 27, 1944, and the land was again advertised to be sold February 21, 1945. The file discloses that Mr. Wood has paid City taxes on this property through 1943 and his statement is that he thought he was paying all taxes due at the same time.

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Upon consideration of the case, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees instruct the Clerk to cancel the sale advertised for February 21st and prepare deed in favor of Seth F. A. Wood upon payment of an amount equal to all delinquent taxes, or amount deposited as protested bid, whichever is the larger amount. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. Alachua County land.

Request was submitted from F. C. Stone that he be allowed to withdraw his bid of \$300.00 offered at sale of January 6, 1945, for Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Weise S/D of Lot 1, Section 49, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County, listed on Report No. 61. He explained his reason for withdrawing the bid was that he learned the former owner, James Littles, was an old negro now living on the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow Mr. Stone to withdraw his bid provided he will pay all costs of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. J. Palmer Williams and Mr. John D. Bischoff of Jacksonville, Florida, requested that the Trustees disclaim interest under the Murphy Act in certain certificates covering the following described property:

Lots 1 to 4 S/D Tract 37  
 Lots 1 to 4 S/D Tract 40  
 Tracts 38 and 39  
 Lots 1 to 4 S/D Tract 21  
 Tracts 22 and 23  
 Lots 1 to 4 S/D Tract 24  
 All in Section 6, Township 4 South,  
 Range 28 East—Duval County, Florida.

Information was submitted with reference to payment of taxes and Mr. Bischoff contended that the issuance of tax certificates under which title came to the State was erroneous.

After hearing statements from Mr. Williams and Mr. Bischoff, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the entire matter be referred to the Comptroller for investigation, and if it was found that the certificates were erroneously issued and did not vest title in the State, the Trustees could disclaim interest in the land; that upon report from the Comptroller the matter would be given further consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The subject of oil and mineral reservations in Murphy Act deeds was discussed and it was the opinion of all members except the Comptroller that the reserving clause in the deeds should be changed to cover

all land rather than an area comprising ten acres or more.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the reservation with reference to oil and mineral interest in all Murphy Act land outside of the corporate limits of any municipality be applicable regardless of the acreage, and not only to ten acres or more. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting in the negative.

With reference to land within municipalities, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees request the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot to submit at the next meeting a form of reservation covering Murphy Act land located within the corporate limits of any municipality where the area is less than ten (10) acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting No.

The Secretary was requested to notify all Clerks of the Circuit Courts, as agents for the Trustees, that the change in oil and mineral reservations applicable to land outside of municipalities will be effective after February 19, 1945, and all purchases made on applications received after that date will come under the new rule.

Governor Caldwell suggested that the reservations be made as short as possible.

In line with salary raises for employees being paid out of funds under Chapter 610, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the salaries of each of the following employees under Chapter 18296 be raised \$10.00 per month, effective February 1, 1945:

Ernest Hewitt  
Helen Phillips  
Mary Evans Voss  
J. R. Roberts

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 14, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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Governor Caldwell explained that the special meeting was called for the purpose of hearing objections from Gulf coast property owners to issuance of oil lease in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., and to give attorneys for Mr. Arnold the opportunity to be heard also.

Those present objecting to leases on the Gulf coast were:

Truman Green, President, Tampa Chamber of Commerce;

Ralph Richards, City Attorney of Clearwater;

S. Henry Harris, Representative from Pinellas County;

John C. Blocker, Attorney for Pinellas County;

L. E. Cole, St. Petersburg;

George R. Seavy, Mayor of Clearwater;

Jerry Collins, Representative from Sarasota County;

Lewis Wray, City Attorney of St. Petersburg.

Representing Mr. Arnold and asking that lease be executed on the coastal areas were:

W. H. Jackson, Attorney, Tampa;

R. F. Maguire, Attorney of Orlando.

Mr. Jackson presented resolution adopted by the Trustees in December in which the Arnold interests were asked to negotiate with the parties objecting. He stated that his client had indicated a willingness and would be agreeable to reasonable modifications to protect property owners, but now the objectors are requesting that the whole area be excluded.



Mr. Green, representing the Tampa area, reported that meetings had been held with other coastal interests and a resolution was adopted June 17, 1944, and presented to the Trustees, requesting that the coastal areas be protected. He remarked that his delegation had no information as to the meeting today and did not have time to prepare briefs; that if discussions were to be entered into he would like to have time to make preparation for it and get the opinion of other coastal areas.

Letters were presented and read from Chambers of Commerce and State departments of California, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, giving information in reference to oil well drilling along coastal areas in those States, some of the letters stating that there was very little damage as a result of oil wells and others that the damage was very material.

Questions were asked by the Board members on different phases of the case, the coastal interests being of the opinion that the drilling of oil wells would greatly damage the adjacent property, the beaches and would pollute the waters; that the restrictions in the leases now being given by the State would not afford sufficient protection. The Arnold interests insisted that the present laws amply protected private and public property and even though the leases did not carry all the restrictions necessary they would have to be subject to any existing laws or any laws to be passed in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that both sides be given opportunity to be heard and that he then be given ten minutes for rebuttal. Seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Arnold read from the Minutes of the Trustees in July 1941 when the leases were directed to be signed and read the conditions of the leases with reference to protection of upland property, called attention to Federal statutes governing oil well drilling and the placing of any structure in navigable waters; the State laws having reference to capping of wells and the provision for protecting waters against pollution.

Mr. Maguire cited the case of Mitchell vs. Doggett, in which the Court ruled that any State law applying to particular subject matter is a part of the contract. Gave information that since 1937 there has been sub-

stantially no pollution by reason of drilling in the waters of the three primary oil bearing states—California, Texas and Louisiana. Other cases cited where Supreme Courts of the three states have rendered decisions on the subject which made the penalty for violating the laws, with reference to pollution and contamination, such that no company could afford to violate it; that the equipment now being used today would preclude pollution such as sustained in years gone by. Mr. Maguire reiterated what Mr. Jackson had said, that the Arnold interests would be willing to do anything reasonable for the protection of the rights of the people of the State. He stated that so long as the people of the State protest drilling for oil, so long will the State be precluded from getting oil; that Mississippi has 400 wells in that State while we have been prospecting in Florida three years.

Mr. Green reviewed statements made at the June meeting and in addition made substantially the following remarks: That the resources of the State be developed; that adequate provision be made to safeguard the gulf front beaches and protect the channel and waterways; that the proposed lease provides no protection to property owners more than 300 feet; that Florida has the opportunity to provide protection of its coastal areas before drilling for oil gets out of control; that the beaches are the main attraction for tourists and the people of that section want to maintain them for that purpose. Letters and statements were read from California and Texas on the danger of oil drilling in the waters of those States. Mr. Green informed the Board that he was speaking for all the communities along the gulf coast as they did not have opportunity to get representatives up here in time for the meeting.

Mr. Watson moved that if the matter could not be disposed of by 12:45 that the meeting adjourn at that time and convene again at 2:30 so that all parties might have opportunity to be heard. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted.

John C. Blocker, Attorney for Pinellas County, protested the leasing of the gulf coast areas without adequate protection for the beaches, for private property and industries; that the tourist trade is the business of that section and the beaches the main

attraction; also when prospective purchasers of real estate learn that oil reservations are made in deeds, they are no longer interested in buying; that there are few municipalities along the coast and many fine beaches are outside the city limits—those would have no protection whatever. He suggested that the oil companies explore on uplands before damaging the beaches.

Mr. L. E. Cole of St. Petersburg remarked that he thought Mr. Blocker covered what St. Petersburg and the Gulf coast had in mind, but in addition wanted to call attention to the fact that it had been a long and expensive struggle to build up the beaches for tourist trade; that many of the beaches had no zoning laws to protect them; that he has seen the damage done to beaches in other states and feels that the Trustees should not rush into something that might damage one of the greatest assets Florida has; that already cases have come up where post war plans have been abandoned for filling and future development because of the proposed drilling for oil in the area.

Mayor George R. Seavey of Clearwater informed the Board that the City limits of Clearwater extended ten miles out into the water and whatever protection the laws gave, they would have advantage of that, but adjoining communities of Dunedin and Bellair have no protection and in view of the vast acreage on the upland under lease that might be explored it would seem that drilling along the coast could be deferred until laws could be enacted to give some protection.

Representative S. Henry Harris, for the County and representing two small communities, requested that no hasty action be taken but consideration be given to the damage that would accrue to the beaches by drilling in those areas along the coast. He informed the board of a number of real estate deals that fell through when it was learned mineral rights would be reserved and possible drilling along the beaches. He protested the leasing of any beach areas until regulations can be put into the leases in such manner as to not disturb buildings and property and that will adequately protect the valuable beaches. He urged that the matter be deferred until the legislature could have opportunity of studying the question and passing laws to provide for proper and desirable exploration and at

the same time preserve the valuable asset the coastal communities now have.

Representative Jerry Collins of Sarasota County stated that the tourist business was the greatest business in Florida and that he did not want to see it jeopardized by the threat of oil wells being drilled along the beaches of Sarasota County; that there was a considerable area in his county where drilling would harm no one and the same applied to other counties along the coast, and if they could be given the assurance that one or two wells would be drilled in certain locations that would not damage the beaches or harm the tourist trade, there would not be any objection raised. He felt the matter should be delayed until some legislation could be enacted to handle the situation adequately and protect the coastal areas.

Mr. Lewis Wray, City Attorney of St. Petersburg, expressed the opinion that drilling should be done on the uplands first to determine whether or not there is oil in Florida, but to lease the water rights first would be premature.

Mr. Green stated that the communities along the Gulf coast would be glad to have further meetings and consider any points the Board thought should be gone into.

Mr. Wray suggested that since the parties protesting have not seen the proposed lease or had opportunity to examine the terms and conditions thereof, that if additional time could be allowed in which the oil interests and communities and chambers of commerce could consider the questions raised, that something might be worked out satisfactory to all interests.

Attorney General Watson gave information as to the areas covered in the three contracts and what was required in the way of exploration work by lessees; that the subject was new and untried in this State and the Trustees did not have information when the contracts were executed that they are obtaining now; that this State has no commission to control oil drilling; that the Trustees have the right to make rules but it is a limited power; that there are many things to be taken into consideration and it will be necessary to have laws to protect public and private interests but it will take a little time to work these questions out and get legislation to correct mistakes that have been made.



All parties having expressed their views on the subject, the meeting was adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,  
Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 20, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

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Sinclair Wells.  
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The Trustees on January 9th ordered advertisement of land in Okeechobee County applied for by T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Horace Davis, with offer of \$17.50 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Okeechobee News on January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 20, 1945, the following described land in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY:

"Unsurveyed part of Section 6, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, lying North of the right-of-way of Eagle Bay Drainage District Levee, containing an estimated area of 128.83 acres."

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, bids were made by Mr. Conely, for client, and by Randall Fulford, resulting in a high bid of \$35 an acre from Mr. Conely.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the bid of \$35 an acre from Horace Davis be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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On January 9, 1945, the Trustees authorized advertisement of Glades County land which was applied for by A. A. Beck with offer of \$20 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 1945:

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1945

· NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 20, 1945, the following described land in GLADES COUNTY:

"The small reclaimed island lying immediately South of Government Lots 4 and 5 of Section 23, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, containing an estimated area of 12 acres."

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, competitive bids were made by Mr. Orion Parker, for client, and by Mr. Clinton Ashmore, on behalf of Commander David B. Click. Highest offer—\$86.00 an acre—was made by Mr. Ashmore.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land to Commander David B. Click at a price of \$86.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Based on application submitted January 9, 1945, from Mr. T. W. Conely, on behalf of J. O. Pearce, the Trustees ordered advertised Glades County land with a bid of \$5 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 17, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 20, 1945, the following described lands in GLADES COUNTY:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1, Lots A, B, C, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, containing 717.85 acres, also  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 34 East, containing 10.20 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

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BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

\$5 an acre being the only bid received for the land, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of J. O. Pearce, Sr., at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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At the meeting of the Trustees January 9th, offer of \$15 an acre was submitted from C. C. Bourland for land in Highlands County, and the following Notice was ordered published in the Avon Park Sun in the issues of January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, February 20, 1945, the following described land in HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Section 14, Township 37 South, Range 30 East,  
containing 200 acres; and  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, Township 37 South,  
Range 30 East, containing 40 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.



The \$15 bid from Mr. Bourland being the only offer received, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept \$15 an acre for the land advertised and confirm sale to Mr. C. C. Bourland of Ames, Iowa. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$1000.00 was presented from W. G. Hardy of Overstreet, Florida, for

Lots 11, 12 and 14, Section 30, Township 6 South,  
Range 11 West, containing 120.87 acres in Gulf  
County,

on which he holds timber lease expiring February  
26, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of \$1000 for the lots described and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bidding provided Mr. Hardy will make a minimum offer of \$1250.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline offer of \$7.50 an acre from J. Lawrence Perry for Section 15, Township 46 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having deferred for further information request from Town of Belle Glade for permanent and perpetual easement across State land, to be used in connection with the water supply system of the town, Mr. Wells presented easement which had been prepared by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution of the easement across State land in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, being a strip 300 feet long by 50 feet wide to be used for constructing and maintaining a pumping station thereon as a part of the water supply system of the Town of Belle Glade. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from H. Click offering \$10 annually for five-year grazing lease on approximately thirty acres of land in

Fractional Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Click upon payment of \$10 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$10 an acre was presented from Julius Parker, on behalf of client, for the purchase of

Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, containing approximately 3840 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to advertise the land for competitive bidding, provided that Mr. Parker's client will agree to bid not less than \$12.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees defer action on offer of \$105 an acre from John Bollinger and on offer of \$100 an acre from E. M. Baynes, both representing clients, for 17.78 acres of sovereignty land in

Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from Mr. Cyril Baldwin for the position of Land Appraiser until a meeting at which the full membership could be present.

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Without objection the Trustees deferred action on letter from Attorney General J. Tom Watson with reference to case against Wilson Cypress Company. It was so ordered.

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Statement of expense in the office of the Trustees having been submitted, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salaries, miscellaneous expenses and balance

due on Everglades Drainage District taxes be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	\$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	10.45
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee .....	2.55
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville .....	13.83
Hugh Culbreath, Sheriff, Hillsborough County, Tampa .....	2.85
Frank E. Cooper, Tampa .....	38.00
Jessie D. Kleinman, Court Reporter, Titusville .....	15.66
Ross C. Sawyer, C.C.C., Monroe County, Key West .....	1.50
W. O. Berryhill, T.C., Broward County, Fort Lauderdale .....	624.54
Ernest Overstreet, T.C., Dade County, Miami .....	291.46
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee .....	10.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,230.84</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were ready for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	8/7/44	4
Charlotte	2/5/45	8
Citrus	10/31/44	13
Clay	2/10/45	4
Columbia	2/13/45	3
Dade	12/13/44	40
Duval	10/26/44	1
Duval	12/28/44	2
Flagler	2/12/45	1
Gadsden	2/13/45	5

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Holmes	2/5/45	4
Levy	2/5/45	3
Liberty	2/12/45	2
Palm Beach	12/8/44	2
Pasco	1/1/45	1
Pasco	2/5/45	10
Putnam	12/2/44	42
Putnam	2/3/45	12
Sumter	12/18/44	4
Sumter	2/5/45	7
Suwannee	1/8/45	15
Volusia	1/1/45	19
Washington	3/8/44	1
Washington	3/8/44	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Volusia County for correction deed to correct name of grantee in Murphy Act Deeds Nos. 773, 805, 1798 and 1823 from N. P. Dodge Corporation to N. P. Dodge.

Question was raised by Comptroller Lee as to whether it would be proper for the Trustees to issue correction deed without first receiving conveyance back from grantee before execution of correction deed.

The matter was ordered held for further study as to proper procedure in such cases.

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Report was submitted from the Attorney General in reference to request from the City of Fort Meade that the Trustees cancel Deed No. 2140, Polk County, and convey the land covered thereby under the provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, upon payment of \$1.00 per parcel or lot.

It was explained that conveyance under Deed No. 2140 was in accordance with application and regular sale under the Murphy Act, the consideration being



\$37.50, and there was no showing that error had been made in conduct of the sale.

Based on the Attorney General's report and the record of sale, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to cancel deed No. 2140 in favor of the City of Fort Meade. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Report was presented from the Attorney General on request from Nassau County Clerk that he be allowed to depart from regular procedure in advertising and selling approximately 40 acres of land subdivided into 30 blocks in the Town of Hilliard, against which there are over 130 certificates. Recommendation from the Attorney General is substantially as follows:

1. As to naming the aggregate blocks in the advertisement, instead of repeating the descriptions in the tax certificates, it is suggested that the certificates need not be mentioned in the advertisement, but that the notice list the lots in each block;
2. As to offering all property for sale at once for one bid rather than each item separately, it is suggested that the Clerk might use his sound discretion in a sale of this kind; that circumstances may exist which render it impracticable to realize the best price from separate sales and which would make it for the interest of the State that the sale be in bulk; that the Clerk might offer the property in separate tracts or lots and then as a whole and accept the latter bid if greater than the total bids upon separate tracts.
3. As to waiving notice to former owner, etc., it is suggested that the Clerk not waive the notice, but, where possible, send notice to one of the persons required under the rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees abide by the recommendations of the Attorney General and instruct the Clerk to act in accordance with the letter from the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Town of Crescent City, Putnam County, together with check in amount

of \$1, requesting conveyance of Pt. Lot 2, Block 36, Bk 65, Page 375—Crescent City—Certificate 1580 of 1933, under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, payment to be \$1 per lot. Certificate was furnished by the Clerk as to former ownership by the City. This application was ready for presentation to the Trustees February 6th but no action taken, pending decision as to minimum charge of \$5 for conveying any land under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of the City of Crescent City under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, conveying Lot 2 as described, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the City of Chipley that the Trustees convey Washington County land to said City under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941. Certificate was furnished as to former ownership of the lot, and offer of \$1 was made for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed in favor of the City of Chipley, under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, for conveying

Lot 6 in E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Washington County,

upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Mr. W. A. Glass, Director of Department of Water and Sewers for the City of Miami, asking that two changes be made in deed to the City conveying 1815 acres of land in Sections 11, 12 and 14 of Township 53 South, Range 39 East, for water supply purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the letter be referred to the Attorney General for report as to the changes requested by the City of Miami in the deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Elliot Adams, Attorney of Jacksonville, having requested an appointment for officials of the City of

Jacksonville Beach to meet with the Trustees, it was agreed that February 27th would be satisfactory if a quorum was present. The Secretary was requested to so advise Mr. Adams.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Robert Dewell of Haines City, Florida, asking that the Trustees deliver deed to his clients, John R. Wadsworth, Jr., and Ernest M. Smith.

The Trustees having allowed thirty (30) days for Mr. Egbert N. Bowyer, claiming to be former owner of the property, and Mr. Dewell's clients to try to work out some adjustment of their differences, it was agreed that no action be taken until the thirty days had elapsed.

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Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, presented Bay County case involving issuance of Deed No. 123 to Mrs. Mattie Campbell, conveying N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 15, Block 32, St. Andrews. It was explained that the deed failed to include in the description the words "less highway" and the grantee had a public street closed; that Mrs. L. C. West has protested the closing of the street as one of the property owners abutting thereon. Mrs. Campbell refuses to return the deed to the Trustees for correction, and the Attorney General recommends that the Trustees issue a deed with correct description and have it recorded; that with reference to closing of Beck Street, this is a matter for the City authorities of St. Andrews to handle.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the recommendation of the Attorney General be approved as the action of the board and the Secretary requested to have new deed drawn as suggested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Comptroller J. M. Lee made verbal report on Duval County case referred to him at the last meeting, having reference to application from J. Palmer Williams, on behalf of John D. Bischoff, that the Trustees allow cancellation of a 1933 tax certificate on land in Sweet-water Farms Subdivision, formerly owned by Mr. Bischoff. Mr. Lee explained that the Clerk made application to have the 1933 tax certificates cancelled

on the ground that it was illegal because it had not been advertised as required by law, but the request was refused; that Mr. Bischoff now offers to pay up all delinquent taxes against the property; that in view of the circumstances, the Comptroller recommends and offers the motion that upon payment by Mr. Bischoff of all taxes, which have not been paid since 1925, the Trustees disclaim interest in the 1933 certificates by which title vested in the State under Chapter 18296. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous expense be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payments therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 6.44
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	240.40
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee .....	1.75
Wiggins Typewriter Repair Shop, Tallahassee .....	7.50
W. G. Jones, Cross City .....	5.85
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Lucile J. Kennedy, Clerk .....	135.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	115.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,551.94</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of February, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Injunction, Inc. c/o Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County Fort Lauderdale, Florida .....	\$ 77.50
Tanger Investment Company c/o Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County Fort Lauderdale, Florida .....	47.75



O'Grady, Incorporated c/o Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County Fort Lauderdale, Florida .....	34.75
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$160.00</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge,  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 27, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Mr. J. Julien Southerland and Mr. Robert C. Graham, representing Miami Beach Heights, Inc., were present and requested that the Trustees reconsider action recently taken, suggesting a price of \$1000 an acre for property described as,

All submerged lands adjacent to Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, containing 20 acres in Dade County.

Mr. Southerland explained that the area applied for was inadvertently taken in when the company constructed its sea wall in front of their upland and it was now necessary for them to purchase from the State in order to clear the title; that they had offered \$100 an acre sometime ago and the Trustees declined to sell at that price but indicated that they would accept \$250 an acre. Later that price was also declined and a price of \$1000 suggested.

Mr. Southerland and Mr. Graham informed the board as to the character of the land, its location, and

cited a number of sales where the prices had ranged from \$250 to \$500 an acre in the same locality. They also furnished information that the sea wall alone had cost \$17.50 per foot, not including the fill material, and that the entire 138 acres was assessed at its full value in 1944 at \$300 per acre as filled land. Mr. Graham asked that the Trustees consider their position and be as fair as possible with them.

Upon a thorough discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree to accept \$500 an acre for the 20 acres of State land applied for by Miami Beach Heights, Inc., subject to approval by the full board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter ordered held until it could be presented to the full board for confirming sale.

Governor Caldwell stated that he was particularly anxious to have Mr. Mayo's views on the subject before it was finally closed as the matter came directly under his department.

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#### SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Polk County case involving Deed No. 2272 to John R. Wadsworth, Jr., and Ernest M. Smith, protested by E. N. Bowyer, was again called up for consideration. The Trustees, on January 23rd, allowed thirty (30) days within which the interested parties were requested to try to work out some equitable adjustment of their differences. The thirty days having expired and no report of agreement having been reached between the parties, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale to John R. Wadsworth, Jr., and Ernest M. Smith, highest bidders at sale September 29, 1944, conveying Lots 32 to 50, Haines City Terminals, Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 27 East, Polk County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered delivered to purchasers.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge,  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 6, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells.

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Pursuant to application submitted from C. A. Bailey January 23rd with offer of \$10 an acre, the Trustees agreed to advertise land in Palm Beach County for competitive bidding. The following Notice was published in the Belle Glade Herald on February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 25, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., March 6, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

Sections 11 and 12, Township 44 South,  
Range 39 East, containing 1,280 acres, more  
or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and the highest bid offered was \$15 an acre from A. R. Richardson on behalf of C. A. Bailey.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees hold over till the next meeting approval of sale to Harry K. Wells of Palm Beach, Florida, client of Mr. Bailey, at a price of \$15 an acre for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District that the Trustees grant easements for five spoil areas located in Lake Worth and Lake Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of easements in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District to be used for depositing spoil material, said areas designated as follows:

IN LAKE WORTH:

MSA LW 6-A—Section 15, Township 44 South,  
Range 43 East

MSA LW 6-B—Section 15, Township 44 South,  
Range 43 East

MSA LW 9-B—Section 10, Township 44 South,  
Range 43 East

MSA LW 9-C—Section 10, Township 44 South,  
Range 43 East

IN LAKE BOCA RATON:

MSA 694 —Section 29, Township 47 South,  
Range 43 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land:

James A. Dew—Offer of \$10 an acre for land in Section 7, and \$15 an acre for land in Section 11, both in Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County;



Archie Clements—Offer of \$200 for a small island in the Anglote River, Pasco County, and

Mark R. Tenant, for J. H. White—Offer of \$7.50 an acre for Sections 7 and 17, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells submitted two offers for Palm Beach County land adjoining a parcel recently sold to the County of Palm Beach. The land applied for is described as

17.78 acres of sovereignty land in Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East.

Mr. E. M. Baynes, representing B. E. Sykes, offered \$50 an acre for the tract, which the Trustees declined. Mr. Baynes then submitted an offer of \$100 an acre. Mr. Virgil Smith, through his attorney, John Bollinger, submitted evidence of adjacent ownership and secured waivers of objections from the County of Palm Beach and H. L. Stubbs, other adjacent owners, and offered to pay \$105 an acre for the land. Information was also furnished that this property would be transferred to West Palm Beach Water Works as soon as title was conveyed to Mr. Smith.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$105 an acre from Virgil Smith for the 17.78 acres described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$1.00 an acre submitted by Harry E. King on behalf of E. B. Smoak, for the following described land:

Lot 2 of Section 7;  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8;  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and Lots 2 and 3,  
Section 18,  
All in Township 13 South, Range 32 East,  
Volusia County, Florida,

the appraisal on the land being considerably higher than the offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Action was postponed on application from Floyd E. Snow and R. D. Hanewacker for mineral sand lease on submerged areas in the following townships and ranges:

Townships South		Ranges East
29 and 30	—	38 and 39
31 and 32	—	39 and 40
33 and 34	—	40
35	—	40 and 41
36	—	41
38	—	42

in Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$4 an acre from Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of client, but agreed to make a counter proposal to advertise for competitive bidding, provided Mr. Carlton will agree to bid not less than \$5 an acre on date of sale, for the following described land in Charlotte County:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8;  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9;  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13,  
All in Township 40 South, Range 21 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The following amount was transferred to General Revenue from receipts under Chapter 18296 for the month of February, 1945:

#### TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368 FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund ..... \$45,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,

Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: Sinclair Wells,  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 13, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Kenneth W. Kerr of St. Petersburg, Florida, submitted application on behalf of Contract Investment Company to purchase approximately 114 acres involved in State Mortgage No. 17534 from Dunedin Syndicate. Mr. Kerr explained that this area had been used by the Navy Department as an amphibious base; that they were now ready to give up the lease and dispose of the improvements located thereon either to the property owners or sell to the highest bidder; that if his client could purchase the property they planned to take over the improvements from the Government and develop flying and promote a GI training school. Mr. Kerr said that he had in mind a price of \$75 an acre for regaining title to the lots in Pinellas County.

Governor Caldwell observed that the board had no offer to act upon, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for objections, provided client of Mr. Kerr will agree to bid \$100 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Kenneth W. Kerr presented an offer of \$25.00, on behalf of Mary E. Shanklin, for Lot 17, Block 35, Dunedin Isles Unit No. 1, Pinellas County, which lot he said had been overlooked when other parcels were released from the mortgage held by the State upon payment of \$25 each.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$25 for lot 17

of Block 35, applied for on behalf of Miss Shanklin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. John Wigginton, Executive Secretary for the Governor, brought to the Trustees' attention the payment of expenses of the Water Resources Investigation Committee appointed by the Governor to make survey of the State's water resources. He stated that the Committee did not want payment except for expenses, but that such expenses exceeded \$6.00 per day, which was the allowance for expenses under State law, for which reason the Comptroller declined to pay bills as submitted and asked that action be taken by the Budget Commission thereon.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that \$10.00 per diem be allowed plus mileage expense, which would be sufficient to cover the actual expenses of the persons on the Committee, all to be paid from funds of the Internal Improvement Fund.

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Mr. Julius F. Parker brought to the attention of the Trustees the action recently taken declining to advertise Palm Beach County land with a bid of \$7.50 an acre, but agreed to do so if \$10.00 an acre was offered; that he so notified his clients and when they met the price fixed by the Trustees it was again submitted and declined, with the information that \$12.50 an acre would have to be guaranteed before the land could be advertised.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize advertisement for competitive bids,

Sections 19, 29 and 31, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County,

with a bid from Mr. Parker's clients of \$10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

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The Trustees having held over from the meeting of March 6th final approval on sale of Palm Beach County land described as,

Sections 11 and 12, Township 44 South, Range 31 East, containing 1280 acres, more or less,



for which \$15 an acre was bid by Harry K. Wells, represented by A. R. Richardson, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that sale of the land be confirmed to highest bidder—Harry K. Wells. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/20/44	4
Alachua	1/24/45	34
Baker	2/15/45	1
Brevard	2/7/45	38
Charlotte	12/11/44	1
Charlotte	1/8/45	1
Clay	2/24/45	4
Dade	12/22/44	118
Dade	12/29/44	100
Dade	1/3/45	66
Dade	1/17/45	39
Dade	1/19/45	44
Escambia	2/16/45	4
Flagler	3/5/45	1
Franklin	12/4/44	4
Franklin	2/5/45	6
Hamilton	2/19/45	1
Hernando	11/20/44	1
Hernando	11/27/44	1
Hernando	1/15/45	14
Hernando	2/24/45	5
Hillsborough	1/8/45	43
Hillsborough	2/6/45	47
Indian River	1/22/45	1
Indian River	2/19/45	9
Jackson	1/22/45	24
Lee	8/10/44	4
Liberty	1/29/45	8
Manatee	2/5/45	11

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Marion	1/1/45	26
Marion	2/5/45	18
Marion	3/5/45	15
Monroe	2/9/45	68
Nassau	2/19/45	12
Okeechobee	2/19/45	18
Orange	2/5/45	21
Osceola	1/15/45	25
Osceola	2/12/45	86
Palm Beach	1/12/45	106
Palm Beach	1/12/45	3
Polk	1/31/45	42
Putnam	1/6/45	72
Putnam	3/3/45	30
Santa Rosa	2/19/45	4
Sarasota	2/12/45	35
Seminole	2/12/45	27
St. Lucie	2/5/45	8
Sumter	12/18/44	1
Sumter	2/5/45	1
Suwannee	2/5/45	4
Taylor	2/16/45	2
Taylor	2/23/45	3
Volusia	1/1/45	1
Volusia	2/5/45	53
Washington	8/1/44	3
Washington	2/5/45	10

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 20, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller (present part time).  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
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Mr. Wells reported that on December 19, 1944, the Trustees considered application from Thomas H. Horobin with offer of \$500 an acre for four parcels of sovereignty land in Biscayne Bay and authorized the lands advertised; whereupon the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, in the issues of February 14, 21, 28, March 7 and 14, 1945:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 8, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections and for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., March 20, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

TRACT "B"

Beginning at a point located 1,000 feet South of the North line of Section 16, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, and 800 feet distant from the Westerly line of the previously described area; thence, Southwesterly along a line which is parallel to the Westerly line of the previously described area 5,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of 90° run 1,140.0 feet; thence with an angle to the right of 90° run 5,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of 90°

run 1,140.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 137.920 acres.

#### TRACT "C"

Beginning at a point located 820.0 feet North of the North line of Section 21, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, and 800.0 feet distant from the Westerly line of the previously described area; thence, Southwesterly along a line which is parallel to the Westerly line of the previously described area 5,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right run 5,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 137.920 acres.

#### TRACT "D"

Beginning at a point located 525 feet South of the North line of Section 20, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, and 800 feet distance from the Westerly line of the previously described area; thence, Southwesterly along a line which is parallel to the Westerly line of the previously described area 3,770.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of  $90^\circ$  run 3,770.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the right of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 98.663 acres.

The following area is advertised for objections only:

#### TRACT "A"

Beginning at a point located 540.0 feet East of the West line, and 900.0 feet South of the North line of Section 15, Township 53 South, Range 42 East; thence, in a Southwesterly direction along a line which intersects the West line of said Section 15 at a point 2,800.0 feet South of the NW corner of said Section 15, for a distance of 8,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the left of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140 feet; thence, with an angle to the left of  $90^\circ$  run 8,270.0 feet; thence, with an angle to the left of  $90^\circ$  run 1,140.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 216.432 acres.



The foregoing areas are located in Biscayne Bay South of the 79th Street Causeway and North of the proposed 36th Street Causeway, and lie approximately 1500 feet West of present Miami Beach shore line. More definite description will be furnished at date of issuance of deeds.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary, Trustees I. I. Fund.  
Colin English, Secretary, State Board of Education.

Upon call for objections, the following parties submitted protests to the sale:

John W. Watson, City Attorney for Miami, objected to the sale on ground that the Bay was an asset to the city and should remain as it is for the benefit of the public; that the area is the last strip of open bay north of 79th Street Causeway; that it is the location where the annual Regatta is usually held; that the Bay is practically filled with islands and the City, the Chamber of Commerce, the County, the Miami Realty Board and the citizens in that locality protest the sale.

Upon inquiry from Governor Caldwell as to whether or not the City or County would be interested in buying the bay bottoms, in view of the trust imposed on the Trustees, Mr. Watson replied that the City or County should own the bay bottoms and that they should not be bottled up.

Mr. Ben Shepard, City Counsel for the City of Miami Beach, protested the sale on the ground that the City objected to the development in the Bay; that if the City or the County had to buy this particular area, they would have to buy the whole of Biscayne Bay; that there were various kinds of trusts and he did not think the trust in this particular case meant that the

Trustees should turn the land into money; that it might be that the trust imposed on the board was to preserve the waters for the benefit of the public, for bathing, fishing and boating and enjoyment of the view; that the legality of such sale has not been passed upon by the Attorney General; that the Florida Supreme Court has discussed the point of how far the State should and can go without violating the trust; that sovereignty lands could be sold provided such sale did not deprive the people of the State of their rights or injure them in so doing. He did not think the law required that the Trustees should sell the waters of the State and allow them to be dredged, filled in and built upon.

N. P. Lowrey, County Commissioner of Dade County, protested the sale on the ground that the people down in that section were spending better than six million dollars to preserve the beauty of the water front for the recreation of the people of the State and the entire nation; that at present the sewage of the City of Miami empties into the area advertised for sale and building up of the islands would create a hazard to the City; feels the Trustees should not sell the land but preserve it in its natural state not only for Dade County but for all the people of the State and nation; that the Board of County Commissioners directed that he oppose the sale of any more areas in Biscayne Bay for building up islands.

Mr. Earl M. Rader, City Engineer for Miami, protested the sale from the standpoint of the effect it would have on the tidal currents in the Bay; that Haulover Cut had been dredged to relieve the situation and if islands were built in the Bay they would cut the circulation of the currents and make for more unsanitary conditions.

Mr. F. E. Bayless, Chairman of the State Road Department, filed an objection to the sale on the ground that fill material for construction of the proposed 36th Street Causeway might be needed from that area.

Telegrams from the following parties were submitted and read:

H. G. Shaw, President of the Chamber of Commerce and for Greater Miami Port Authority, asked for a reasonable period to submit a proposal to the Trustees, and protesting sale to private interests;

George A. Steiner, a bayshore property owner, protesting sale;

Miami Board of Realtors, Chas. A. Post, President, protesting sale;

A. B. Curry, City Manager, Miami, requesting information as to terms and conditions of the proposed sale;

Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, requesting that if possible sale be delayed pending survey by the War Department to be started at once.

Letters and resolutions from various public and private interests were reported as having been filed with the Trustees objecting to the sale or requesting delay.

Mr. Horobin, applicant to purchase the land, disagreed with the parties protesting, explaining that the area was not used for boating and bathing as Government Survey in 1935 recorded the depth of the water as from one to two feet; that the only channel is the Intracoastal Waterway dredged by the Federal Government—500 foot right of way; that before making application to the Trustees he had taken the matter up with the War Department, also as to the requirements that would have to be met before the islands could be built up; that he proposed separating the islands by channels from 400 to 800 feet wide, and instead of obstructing the flow of the tide it was his opinion that the War Department would agree that the development would be helpful; that the elevation of the islands will be seven feet with six foot bulkheads; that access will be from two public streets of Miami Beach, which is public property, and there will be no interference with navigation, as the War Department would not allow it; that the area is not and never has been used for swimming or boating as the water is too unsanitary and not of sufficient depth for boats, except very small ones; that he has made an offer for the four parcels and feels sure that the Trustees have the right to sell the land and realize as much as possible from the sale, and that the objections filed are not of any consequence.

Attorney General J. Tom Watson expressed the opinion that he recognized the existence of a trust in

the State in holding title to the large area of water lands coming within the classification of sovereignty and swamp and overflowed lands; that the trust could not be over-ridden and he would continue to recognize it if and when he was called upon to pass upon the existence of such trust.

Upon inquiry from Mr. Mayo as to whether the parties objecting to the sale and asking for delay would be willing to make a bid in line with Mr. Horobin's, Mr. Lowrey replied that he did not think anyone could answer that question just at this time.

Governor Caldwell asked if the delay was granted would the City, County and other interests get busy and decide what they could do about submitting an offer.

Mr. Lowrey remarked that if the public agencies planned to develop the area as a subdivision they would be in position to make a better offer, but as it was their desire to retain it in its present condition for the people of the State by preserving it in its natural beauty, they could not pay as much for it as a private company could.

Mr. Watson moved that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion on the question of whether or not the sale can legally be made to anyone and that in rendering such opinion the same be made to cover the rights of the Federal Government over the land involved and the right of the State to sell to any public agency as well as to private interests. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson also offered the motion that the sale be postponed pending receipt of the opinion from the Attorney General and action thereon by the Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees February 7th, on applications for Palm Beach County land, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, in the issues of February 14, 21, 28, March 7 and 14, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 8, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., March 20,



1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

All Section 19;

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 20;

All Section 29;

All Section 30;

All Section 32;

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 33, all in Township 41 South, Range 42 East, containing 3,360 acres, more or less.

(The above property is to be sold subject to payment by the purchaser of all outstanding valid tax certificates.)

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes of 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary,  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids, offer of \$2.10 an acre was presented from A. A. Poston, on behalf of client F. J. Lewis, with the understanding that Mr. Lewis would assume redemption of any outstanding taxes or tax certificates against the land. No other bids received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from F. J. Lewis of \$2.10 an acre net to the Trustees, for Palm Beach County land as advertised, it being understood that purchaser is to assume redemption of any taxes or tax certificates outstanding. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees on February 27th, at which meeting only three members were present, agreed to accept \$500 an acre from Miami Beach Heights, Inc., represented by Julien C. Southerland and Robert C. Graham, for the submerged area adjacent to Government Lots

1, 2, 3 and 5, Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, within the limits of the bulkhead in front of the property. Action of the Trustees on that date was conditioned upon approval by the full board.

The Attorney General explained that he was not certain whether this land could be sold by the board and for that reason he would have to vote against the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the sale be confirmed in favor of Miami Beach Heights, Inc., at a price of \$500 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No, and the sale was authorized.

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Comptroller Lee recorded as present.

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Request was presented from R. H. Ferrell, on behalf of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, desiring conveyance, upon payment of \$1.00, of the

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Tract 13, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 15 acres in Broward County.

The land is desired for the purpose of enlarging the Seminole Indian work and for providing a day school for Indian children, a larger chapel, and recreational facilities.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land described in favor of the Southern Baptist Convention upon payment of \$1.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from George W. Weller, as Lieutenant Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve and Commodore of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of the Sixth Naval District, for lease of an area about one-half mile long, varying in width from approximately twenty-five feet to two hundred and fifty feet, located on the East bank of the St. Johns River near the mouth of the Arlington River, and containing approximately 53 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Duval County.

The land is desired solely for use of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and privilege of renewal and right to purchase the property is requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease to Lieutenant Commander George W. Weller for the use and benefit of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary but without any commitment to sell the parcel; the lease to be without consideration and subject to cancellation by the Trustees at any time upon sixty days' notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Muscatine Pearl Works of Muscatine, Iowa, for Mussel Shell lease covering an area in Ochlockonee River from the north boundaries of Gadsden and Leon Counties, down through those counties as well as through Liberty, Wakulla and Franklin, to its entrance into the Gulf through Ochlockonee Bay; also in Lake Talquin, Lake Jackson and Lake Iamonia. The proposal provides for payment of \$5 per ton for all usable mussel shell taken with minimum royalty payment of \$25 per month; also payment of five per cent (5%) on the value of the dried or prepared product if the meat of the mussels is used, and in case of substances of high value, such as pearls, the market value of the same shall be ascertained and twenty-five per cent (25%) of such value shall be paid to the Trustees therefor. Lease may be cancelled at the option of either party on thirty days' notice, and bond in amount of \$1000 shall be deposited with the Trustees to guarantee faithful performance.

Upon consideration of the proposal, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Muscatine Pearl Works upon the terms and conditions as outlined, the lease to be subject to oil and mineral reservations. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from Floyd E. Snow and R. D. Hanewacker for mineral sand lease on submerged areas in the following townships and ranges:

Township 29 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East;  
Township 30 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East;  
Township 31 South, Ranges 39 and 40 East;

Township 32 South, Ranges 39 and 40 East;  
 Townships 33 and 34 South, Range 40 East;  
 Township 35 South, Ranges 40 and 41 East;  
 Township 36 South, Range 41 East;  
 Township 38 South, Range 42 East.

The lease will cover the areas to the high water mark lying west of the mid-channel line of Indian River, and will be restricted to the taking of rutile, ilmenite, zircon and associated minerals. Applicants agree to file a bond with the Trustees in amount of \$1000 as guarantee for faithful performance of the contract. No offer is made to pay the State for mined or secured substances but similar leases provide for payment of \$1.00 per ton for minerals taken with a minimum royalty of \$25 each month.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request be referred to Mr. Elliot, Mr. Wells and Dr. Gunter, for investigation and report to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that Lease No. 274 dated August 1942 was issued to E. E. Carter and J. H. Graves for removing mineral sand from an area East of the mid-channel line of Indian River, and that the lease is delinquent in payments several months. Offer has been made by lessees to settle the account on the basis of fifty per cent (50%) of amount due.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to accept one-half the amount due on Lease No. 274 and the Land Office was instructed to request payment in full. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon report made by Mr. Wells that there were a number of land sale contracts delinquent in payments, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that notice be sent to all parties delinquent in payments that the terms of the contracts must be complied with or they will be cancelled. Upon vote motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of \$500 cash from William C. Garrison of Dunedin, Florida, for purchase of



Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, known as Hog Island,

the land having been appraised at a higher value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of \$15 an acre from H. Gregory, on behalf of Bert R. Broadwell, for

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 13, Tier 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 15 acres in Broward County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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L. S. Remsberg of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, offers ten cents (10¢) an acre for five-year grazing lease on the following described State owned land:

Section 6, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, 640 acres;

Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, lying South of State Road No. 26—190 acres;

That part of Section 34, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, lying South of North New River Canal and State Road No. 26, and lying East of State Road No. 26 running south, less parcel sold to Clara Driggers, containing 400 acres;

Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, lying East of State Road No. 26, containing 300 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline offer from Mr. Remsberg, but that counter proposal be made to lease the area at twenty-five cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$750.00 was presented from L. S. Remsberg for assignment of Trustees' Mortgage No. 17356 dated November 4, 1925, from James Sottile covering land described as

$NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 12,

Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Accompanying the mortgage are three notes in amount of \$1,968.75 each due in 1926, 1927 and 1928, respectively, with six per cent interest thereon. No payments have been made since purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer be declined and counter offer made to accept \$1000.00 for assignment of the mortgage. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Three applications were submitted from Thomas H. Horobin on behalf of clients for purchase of areas immediately adjacent to their upland property in Dade County, as follows:

Milton F. Steinhardt—Offer of \$500 an acre for approximately 6.88 acres of land in Biscayne Bay lying North of his property in Miami Beach at the foot of Eighty-Eighth Street;

Douglas F. Felix—Offer of \$500 an acre for 9.8 acres of land in Biscayne Bay adjacent to his upland property;

Dr. M. J. Flipse—Offer of \$500 an acre for 18.5 acres of land in Biscayne Bay, adjacent to and in front of his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline offers of \$500 an acre from clients of Mr. Horobin for the submerged areas in Biscayne Bay, but agree to advertise for objections provided the applicants will agree to offer \$1,000 an acre for the land. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land:

C. C. Townes—Offer of \$2.25 an acre for Section 31, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County;

Ambrose Becker—Offer of \$20 an acre for S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Mr. H. J. Driggers, on behalf of Cracker Oil Company, presented request for extension of Oil Lease No. 168 expiring in April 1946. Mr. Driggers explained that due to war conditions they had been unable to secure necessary machinery and equipment for carrying out the provisions of the contract but feels sure that if extension of one year is allowed they will be able to get the rig down and go to work.

Mr. Watson expressed the opinion that no further extensions should be granted unless strict requirements were made for actual drilling to be commenced within the time allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees extend Lease No. 168 dated April 1, 1941, for a period of one year from April 1945 upon payment of \$1406.00 and that such extension require lessee to commence drilling prior to expiration date of the extension, it being understood that this additional period is for performing those things required to be done under the provisions of the lease. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. The Attorney General was requested to prepare the necessary papers for execution.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$2 an acre from Telfair Stockton for

Unsurveyed Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 29 East,

Unsurveyed Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 30 East,

located in St. Johns County, between Guano River and the coast. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for easement covering submerged areas in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, to be used in the construction and maintenance of proposed 36th Street Causeway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department over areas in Biscayne Bay as applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Van Camp, representing Magnolia Petroleum Company, applied for oil lease on three parcels of State land described as

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and Lot 3, Section 32, all in Township 3 South, Range 15 West, Bay County.

Mr. Camp explained that the additional land was desired to solidify and block in with a location that the company has selected for drilling, lying one and one-half miles north of the Naval Base. A five-year lease on Standard Form No. 88 was requested.

Suggestion was made that it might be better to include the new area in the present lease held by Magnolia Company if it could be handled in that manner. Mr. Camp replied that it would be satisfactory to tie the parcels in with the present lease.

Governor Caldwell suggested that if the board agreed to lease the additional areas to Magnolia Petroleum Company, that the Attorney General be asked to advise whether or not such areas could be tied in with the present lease, or what form of lease should be used.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant the request of Magnolia Company and authorize lease over the areas applied for, subject to approval of the Attorney General as to form of lease to be used. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Watson remarked that he would prepare the lease in line with the Governor's suggestion and submit to the board.

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Letters addressed to Governor Caldwell were presented from the following parties, protesting oil leases being granted on the Gulf coast of Florida:

K. I. McKay, Attorney, Tampa, Florida.



Truman Green, President, Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

R. W. Birdsell, Jr., Indian Rocks, Florida, with protest signed by 148 parties.

Mr. Watson reported that he had information that Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, had made a statement that he would lease as Federal lands the coastal lands of the United States for oil drilling purposes. Further information was that there was a move on foot to have an act passed in Congress confirming ownership of the coastal lands in the States and recognizing such ownership; also that a suit is pending, involving the Arnold lease, the sole issue of which is whether or not the State of Florida has the right to convey any of the sovereign lands in any way that would conflict with the trust; that in the appeal taken the ownership of the State of Florida in the land is being asserted and if such position is maintained the ownership of the State will be confirmed.

Governor Caldwell remarked that some years ago this question was contested and a bill introduced in Congress to declare the coastal lands as United States property; that he is apprehensive as to the position the United States Supreme Court might take on the question of State's ownership, and also that he did not know what the chances would be on passage of a bill in Congress to declare ownership in the States, but if such an act could be passed it would close the question.

Mr. Watson offered to do anything the Trustees desired in connection with the passage of the bill.

Letters and petitions from the Tampa area were ordered filed.

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Mr. Elliot presented letter from Magnolia Petroleum Company reporting on progress of exploration work being done on areas covered in Contract No. 223. The letter explained that there were found surveying errors in the refraction work which would require entire repeat of the field work and would delay completion of the seismograph report; that to do the re-checking would take about sixty (60) days, and application was made for an extension of sixty days from March 19, 1945, within which to complete and make report as required. Further information was furnished that the Navy

Officer in charge of Pensacola Naval Station had informed the Company that no derrick would be permitted in East Bay, Escambia or Pensacola Bays, and for that reason another location had to be selected but drilling would commence in advance of June 19.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant sixty (60) days extension as requested by Magnolia Petroleum Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson casting his vote against granting the request.

Mr. Van Camp, representing Magnolia Company, being present, was informed that extension agreed upon would be prepared as soon as possible.

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Judge Wilbur F. Anderson, representing the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, came before the Trustees with a proposal by which the County would advertise all lands, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The County Commissioners desire permission from the Trustees to have the land advertised, get in touch with prospective purchasers and work up interest in the sale of the land; said sale to be held at the Court House at Bronson at the time advertised and competitive bidding to be had, after which bids would be submitted to the Trustees for acceptance or rejection.

The question of reservation for oil and minerals was discussed and opinion from the Attorney General was read, which held that deeds from the Trustees would have to carry the reservations.

Judge Anderson informed the board that in view of the Attorney General's opinion he did not believe the County would be interested in going ahead with the proposal as the value of the land at present was potentially for oil. No action was taken on the subject.

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Application was presented from the Jewish Community Center offering \$125 for Lots 12 and 13, Block A, Charles E. Knight S/D of Sarasota, located adjacent to the Jewish Church.

The Secretary informed the Board that title to the lots came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and the offer was slightly more than amount of decree.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$125 for the lots and make counter proposal to sell at \$200.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having declined offer of \$150.00 from the City of Sarasota for purchase of Lot 8, Berry & Small S/D of Lot 15, Block "I" Plat of Sarasota, amended bid of \$300.00 was presented from the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept \$300 for the lot in Sarasota, Sarasota County, applied for by City of Sarasota. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Dr. Richard E. Halton, raising his offer from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for Lot 18, Block "A" Bay View S/D, Sarasota County. Title to the lot came to the Trustees through foreclosure by the County under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and the Trustees set a price of \$125.00 on the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of \$75.00 and stand by price of \$125.00, heretofore agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$40 an acre from L. S. Remsberg for purchase of

Tract 13, less South 50 feet, Newman's Survey—Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 18.65 acres in Broward County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Action was deferred on application from John C. Blocker of St. Petersburg, on behalf of client F. J. Q., Inc., for purchase of an area in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County, the request to be considered at a later date.

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Employment of an Appraiser for the Trustees having been discussed at former meetings, motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Cyril Baldwin be employed as Land Appraiser for the Trustees at a salary of \$225.00 per month, plus legal

expenses for travel. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that Mr. Baldwin be requested to report to Mr. Mayo's office for instructions in order that he might commence work April 1st.

There was submitted to the Trustees as information, letter from Attorney General Watson on the subject of deeding to Levy County certain land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and the retention by the Trustees of full oil and mineral rights as the Trustees' entire equity in such land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following list of salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to draw warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	\$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	12.65
V. F. Halter, Official Court Repr., Jacksonville .....	123.17
Western Union Telegraph Co., Winter Haven .....	23.32
Joseph S. Fishkind, Tampa .....	45.05
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	87.25
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	6.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,517.44</b>

Mr. Wells presented letter from Mr. Jess Mathas, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Volusia County, inquiring as to whether or not the Trustees would sell small cypress trees on State land, and on what basis. The trees were desired for making rustic furniture.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell cypress trees from State land as requested by Mr. Mathas. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.



## MURPHY ACT SUBJECTS

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Baker	2/23/45	1
Citrus	1/16/45	10
Clay	3/10/45	3
Dade	2/7/45	52
Dade	2/14/45	46
Hamilton	3/12/45	2
Hardee	1/9/45	2
Hardee	2/5/45	8
Hillsborough	2/13/45	244
Leon	3/12/45	3
Manatee	3/5/45	36
Pinellas	6/13/44	105
Pinellas	8/15/44	142
Santa Rosa	1/8/45	1
Santa Rosa	2/9/45	1
St. Lucie	3/5/45	16
Sumter	2/26/45	24
Taylor	3/2/45	2
Volusia	2/5/45	4

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the Navy Department for lease covering

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Government Lot 5, Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, Lake County,

to be used as a target site and safety zone. The parcel is desired for the period beginning October 20, 1944, and ending June 30, 1945, and \$1.00 per annum is offered for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of

the United States Navy as set forth in application. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following list of salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to draw warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 3.60
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	13.75
Merritt Brown Company, Jacksonville .....	3.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee .....	1.50
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Lucile J. Kennedy, Clerk .....	104.70
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	115.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 22, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Application was presented from John C. Blocker of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of his client, F. J. Q., Inc., offering \$500 for purchase of approximately five acres of land in Boca Ceiga Bay, being part of Government Lot 1, Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, adjoining upland property of applicant; also permission to dredge fill material from surrounding areas. Mr. Blocker requests that the Trustees withdraw protest to War Department for dredging in the Bay.

The Trustees having no information as to value of areas in that locality, it was ordered that action be deferred pending examination and report from the Appraiser.

Suggestion was made that the burden be put on the applicant for identifying the land applied for by proper description, plat and survey where necessary. No action was taken on the question.

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The Secretary reported that he had been informed by the Attorney General's office that approximately 3000 acres of land in Istokpoga Drainage District, owned by the Trustees and by the State Board of Education, are delinquent in subdrainage district taxes, and that offer had been made to permit redemption at 40% of amounts due on certificates; that unless redeemed by March 10th the liens would be foreclosed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the subject be referred to the Attorney General for handling, there being some question as to whether the District could foreclose taxes on State lands. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented two offers for land in Palm Beach County, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, which offers the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County recommends be accepted, agreeing that the County will take as its equity twenty-five per cent of amount due. The following offers were submitted:

F. J. Lewis offers \$6,361.98 for a large number of lots in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25 of Monroe Heights, Palm Beach County, of which amount the

State will receive .....	\$ 420.05
Trustees will receive .....	710.00
Reservations .....	710.00
To the County .....	4,521.93

J. W. Robison offers \$43.56 for Lots 3 to 6, inclusive, Block 35, Inlet City, of which

State will receive .....	\$ 2.11
Trustees will receive .....	5.00
Reservations .....	5.00
To the County .....	31.45

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offers from F. J. Lewis and J. W. Robison be accepted and that deeds be issued conveying the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Herman Wall of Miami, Florida, with request that the Trustees notify him at what price he could purchase Everglades tax certificate land in Broward County described as follows:

$N\frac{3}{4}$  of  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $N\frac{3}{4}$  of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 34, Township 47 South, Range 42 East; Tract 36,  $E\frac{1}{2}$ ; Tract 45,  $W\frac{1}{2}$ ; Tract 51,  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $W\frac{1}{2}$ ; Tract 62,  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $W\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , less SAL R/W, Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 42 East.

Upon information that land in that vicinity had recently sold for \$40 an acre, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees set a price of \$40 an acre on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Watson recorded as being present.

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Letter was submitted from John H. Baker, President, National Audubon Society, offering to accept responsibility for maintenance of wildlife sanctuary on the keys and submerged areas located within the original proposed boundaries of Everglades National Park described as being in

Township 54 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East  
Township 56 South, Range 31 East.



Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the National Audubon Society to maintain and protect wildlife on the Keys located within the townships and ranges listed. Upon vote the motion was carried and resolution ordered prepared for adoption.

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Request was presented from the State Park Executive that consideration be given to eliminating oil and mineral reservations in deeds conveying land to the Park Board.

Attorney General Watson informed the Board that the matter had been taken up with his office and he would have a report to present to the Trustees on the subject. Without objection action was deferred on the subject, pending report from the Attorney General.

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Letter was read from Attorney General Watson to J. V. Walton, Attorney for Wilson Cypress Company, outlining a compromise settlement which he would recommend to the Trustees in an effort to settle pending litigation between the State and Wilson Cypress Company.

Mr. Mayo remarked that he thought the offer made by the Attorney General was a fair one and he recommended that it be approved.

Mr. Watson replied that Mr. Walton had turned down the proposal and the suit would have to be litigated to consummation.

In connection with the litigation, Mr. Watson explained that the law firm of Mickler and Mickler of St. Augustine had been employed to assist in this case on a contingency basis; that he had recommended to the Trustees that the fee be ten per cent; that since that time the timber had been sold and Mickler and Mickler would like to come before the board and submit claim for fee.

Mr. Larson expressed the opinion, concurred in by Mr. Mayo, that the Attorney General had handled the case in a very able manner and really made progress in a situation that had been pending for a number of years prior to Mr. Watson's term of office, and that they were willing to leave it to him to recommend what fee should be paid Mickler and Mickler. Mr. Watson

requested that Mr. Mayo be appointed to confer with him in the matter, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the question of fee for Mickler and Mickler be referred to Mr. Watson and Mr. Mayo for making recommendation to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from the United States that the Trustees concur in lease of land owned by the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks. Lease authorized by the Forestry Board covers a strip of land twenty (20) feet wide through lands in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 10 West, containing about one-fourth acre in Jackson County. The strip was desired for erecting and maintaining horizon lights and other requirements of the War Department.

(Request later  
withdrawn by  
U. S.)

Without objection the request was referred to the Attorney General for report.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for purchase of Levy County land—title under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

F. R. Sanchez of Bronson, offers \$2 an acre for W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 17 East;

J. D. Markham of Williston, offers \$1 an acre for S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, and N $\frac{1}{2}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 17 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1945 Under Chapter 610

Balance as of February 1, 1945 .....	\$324,939.17
Receipts for the Month	
Land Sales .....	\$11,937.67
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Palm Beach County .....	1,164.07

Interest Rec'd on Accts. Nos. 18285 and 18760 .....	48.50	
Farm Lease .....	105.00	
Timber Lease .....	392.31	
Grazing Lease .....	7.50	
Sand Permits .....	78.00	
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases .....	477.46	
Mineral Lease .....	18.75	
Fishing Campsite .....	11.25	
Sales of Copies of Trustee I. I. Minutes .....	7.50	
Refund of Taxes—Overpayment of South Fla. Conservancy Dist. on State lands in Palm Beach Co. ....	67.20	
Total Receipts for February, 1945 .....	\$14,315.21	14,315.21
TOTAL .....		\$339,254.38
Less Disbursements for the Month of February, 1945 .....		2,809.51
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1945 .....		\$336,444.87

## DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY, 1945

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
2-2-45	153877	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	\$ 14.50
	153878	H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	69.50
	153879	State Road Department of Fla. ....	7.00
	153880	Palm Beach Publication .....	9.00
	153881	J. Alex Arnette, CCC .....	336.34
	153882	American Oil Co. ....	1.13
	153883	Standard Oil Co. ....	20.20
	153884	G. M. Simmons, CCC .....	121.00
2-28-45	171521	F. C. Elliot .....	342.20
	171522	M. O. Barco .....	171.10
	171523	Jentye Dedge .....	171.10
	171524	H. L. Shearer .....	75.00
	171525	J. B. Lee .....	20.00
	171526	David B. Ericson .....	185.40
	171527	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	176837	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	10.45
	176838	Capital Office Equipment Co. ...	2.55
	176839	Standard Oil Co. ....	13.83
	176840	Hugh Culbreath, Sheriff .....	2.85

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	176841	Frank E. Cooper .....	38.00
	176842	Jessie D. Kleinman .....	15.66
	176843	Ross C. Sawyer .....	1.50
	176844	W. O. Berryhill, TC .....	624.54
	176845	Ernest Overstreet, TC .....	291.46
	176846	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	10.00
		Withholding Tax .....	205.20
		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,809.51</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

BALANCE as of February 1, 1945 .....	\$ 13,744.14
Receipts for the Month .....	—0—
Disbursements for the Month .....	—0—
BALANCE as of February 28, 1945 .....	\$ 13,744.14

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

BALANCE as of February 1, 1945 .....	\$ 81,715.54
Receipts for the Month .....	64,757.55
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$146,473.09</b>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	96,957.23
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1945 .....	\$ 49,515.86

#### DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY, 1945

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
2-2-45	153885	Western Union Tel. Co. ....	\$ 2.13
	153886	Burroughs Add. Machine Co. ....	13.60
	153887	Wiggins Typewriter Rep Shop .....	7.50
	153888	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co .....	24.50
	153889	H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	73.08
	153890	Geo. J. Dykes, CCC .....	74.48
	153891	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
	154022	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to Gen. Rev. ....	50,000.00
2-28-45	171528	Ernest Hewitt .....	232.40
	171529	Helen Phillips .....	156.10
	171530	Mary Evans Voss .....	136.00
	171531	J. R. Roberts .....	172.70
	171532	M. O. Barco .....	25.00



Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	171533	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	171534	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	171535	Lucile J. Kennedy .....	116.80
	171536	Mildred F. Scott .....	136.90
	171537	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	109.30
	175855	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to Gen. Rev. ....	45,000.00
	175856	Injunction, Inc. ....	77.50
	175857	Tanger Investment Co. ....	47.75
	175858	O'Grady, Inc. ....	34.75
	176847	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	6.44
	176848	H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	240.40
	176849	Rose Printing Co. ....	1.75
	176850	Wiggins Typewriter Rep Shop .....	7.50
	176851	W. G. Jones .....	5.85
		Withholding Tax .....	129.80
		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$96,957.23</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Application was presented from the State Road Department for two right of way easements desired in connection with State roads in Pasco and Santa Rosa Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easements in favor of the State Road Department covering lands described as follows:

Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 3, Willow Lane Heights Add, Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 16 East, Pasco County, for State Road No. 15—Project 5257-SRD 210; and

Lot 2 of Block 82 and Lot 4 of Block 89, Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, for State Road No. 37—SRD No. 22.  
Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees February 13th, having reference to changes in oil and mineral reservations in Murphy Act deeds, recommendations were presented from the Attorney General and the Secretary as to new form of notice for advertising land and sug-

gested change in the oil and mineral reservations and the reservation for State roads carried in the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the form of notices be amended to read as follows:

This Notice effective May 1, 1945

#### NOTICE

..... COUNTY, FLORIDA, ....., 194 .....

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937, known as the MURPHY ACT, the following described land in ..... County, Florida, will be offered for sale at public outcry for the highest and best cash bid, subject to the right of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to reject any and all bids, at the Court House, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the ..... day of ..... Outside of municipalities easement for road right of way 200 feet wide will be reserved from any parcel through which there is an existing State road. As to all lands title to one-half of all petroleum and three-fourths of other minerals will be reserved.

DESCRIPTION	Sec. Twp. Rge. Acres
TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVE-	
MENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.	
By .....	Agent Trustees
	I. I. Fund.
	..... County.

Applicable only to land within Everglades Drainage District as is subject to Chapter 18296, the Murphy Act, and also to Chapter 20658, the Everglades Act.

This Notice effective May 1, 1945

#### NOTICE

..... COUNTY, FLORIDA, ....., 194 .....

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937, known as the MURPHY ACT, and in pursuance of Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, known as the EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT ACT, the following de-

scribed land, situated in Everglades Drainage District, in ..... County, Florida, will be offered for sale at public outcry for the highest and best cash bid, subject to the right of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to reject any and all bids, at the Court House, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the ..... day of ....., 194..... As to all lands title to one-half of all petroleum and three-fourths of other minerals will be reserved by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Outside of municipalities easements for road right of way 200 feet wide will be reserved by said Trustees from any parcel through which there is an existing State road; and easement for drainage and reclamation and for road purposes will be reserved by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

## DESCRIPTION

Sec. Twp. Rge. Acres  
or Lots, Blocks, et cetera

TRUSTEES OF THE IN-  
TERNAL IMPROVEMENT  
MENT FUND OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA.  
BOARD OF COMMIS-  
SIONERS OF EVER-  
GLADES DRAINAGE  
DISTRICT.

By ..... Agent for Trustees  
of the Internal Improvement Fund and for  
Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drain-  
age District, ..... County, Florida,  
and that the two reservations in deeds be amended  
to read as follows:

AS TO ALL LANDS, there is reserved unto  
the State of Florida the title to an undivided one-  
half of all petroleum and petroleum products,  
and title to an undivided three-fourths of all  
other minerals which may be found on or under  
the said land, together with the privilege outside  
any municipality, this date, to explore for and  
to mine and develop same. Said privilege to ex-  
plore, mine and develop is to be conducted on

and under lands inside any municipality, this date, only with the consent of the surface owner.

AS TO ALL LANDS outside of any municipality, as of this date, there is reserved unto the State of Florida an easement for State road right of way two hundred (200) feet wide, lying equally on each side of the center line of any State road existing on the date of this deed through so much of any parcel herein described as is within one hundred (100) feet of said center line.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the Clerks of the Courts with amended notices and have deed forms prepared with the reservations as adopted.

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Without objection, action was deferred on letter from Attorney General's office having reference to Dade City foreclosure suit in which Murphy Act lands were involved, the Attorney General having requested opportunity to review the file. It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from the State Board of Administration for deed under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, conveying

Lots 34 to 40, Barwick Addition to the City of Wildwood, Sumter County.

It was recited that the State Board of Administration came into possession of the lots through assignment of mortgage from Sumter County March 30, 1933, and the certificates were issued for delinquent taxes prior to that date. Offer of \$5 was made for deed from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request of the State Board of Administration be granted and deed issued under Chapter 21684 to the lots described upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the City of Bartow that the Trustees execute deed under Chapter 21684 of 1943, conveying

East 60 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Oakdale S/D to Bartow, Section 7, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Polk County,



upon payment of \$37.75. Amount offered is in excess of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute deed as requested by the City of Bartow, conveying the land described for a consideration of \$37.75. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$105.00 was presented from the City of Stuart, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, of the following described land under the Murphy Act:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 1, Woodlawn Park Addition to Stuart, Martin County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of the City of Stuart, conveying the lots applied for, upon payment of \$105.00, deed to contain reversion clause in the event the land should be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Watson that in all cases where Murphy Act land is sold at a reduced price for public purposes, the Trustees include the reverter clause in the deed in the event of use for other than public purposes. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

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Request was submitted from the Clerk of Lee County that he be allowed to waive the rule requiring notice to former owner as there are about 400 certificates against an old subdivision located about 18 miles from Fort Myers in Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 23 East, Lee County.

Without objection, the request was referred to the Attorney General for working out a suggested form of notice in line with rules of the Trustees. It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from Earl D. Farr that the Trustees release the oil and mineral reservation on land in Charlotte County sold to clients of his upon payment of \$1.00 an acre for such release. The land

on which the release is requested is in Township 42 South, Ranges 22 and 23 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request for release of the reservations be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from B. M. Bishop of Archer, Florida, protesting action of the Trustees by which they cancelled second sale of Alachua County land, described as

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Block 25, Archer,

and ordered deed executed in favor of Seth F. A. Wood for amount required for protest bid.

Upon reviewing the case, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to rescind former action as requested by Mr. Bishop. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Volusia County that the Trustees allow advertisement of subdivision property, containing approximately 3595 lots, with a base bid of \$456.00, the lots having been applied for by Wheeler Marsh and R. B. Prosser.

The Secretary explained that the lots are in West Highlands Subdivision of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, with assessed value in 1932 of \$13,910.00. The 1942 assessed value was \$3110.00. The land is located about one and one-half miles south of DeLand, has no roads, no streets, no improvements and is not near any railroad.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the 3595 lots applied for with a base bid of \$456.00; that on date of sale the land be offered for bids on the whole tract and by separate lots, starting with bid of \$1.00 per lot, and that the highest bid be reported to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Watson reported that he was making a number of recommendations to the Legislature, among which were suggestions with reference to drainage districts,

and certain changes in Murphy Act sales, and that he would furnish each member of the Board with copy of the recommendations.

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Request was presented from County Commissioners of Suwannee County for deed to Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block J—Live Oak, in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, on which is located the County Armory.

After discussion of the information furnished, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees authorize sale of the three lots described, with deed to be issued to Suwannee County under Chapter 21684 of 1943, and to contain a reversion clause in event the lots were used for purposes other than the Armory site; payment to be \$5.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that request for allowance of protest from J. M. Glickstein, attorney for C. O. Graham, be granted, the case having been reviewed and former decision reversed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and protest allowed to Duval County sale.

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Letter from the Attorney General was presented recommending that deed be issued to Waite's, Inc., upon payment of \$1.00, conveying Murphy Act land in Dade County, formerly owned by another party.

It was explained that David E. Johnson, former owner, was deceased at the time application was made, but heirs of Mr. Johnson applied to purchase in his name and deed was issued to him. Evidence having been furnished that Raymond A. Johnson was the only heir of former owner, and had conveyed title to Ralph J. Powers and Sam Simonhoff and they in turn had conveyed to Waite's, Inc., it was recommended that deed be made to the latter party.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees now execute Deed No. 2302-A in favor of Waite's, Inc., for a consideration of \$5.00, to take the place of original deed in favor of David E. Johnson. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented that the Trustees authorize a new sale held involving NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, Charlotte County, purchased at sale of January 10, 1944, by General Securities Corporation. Protest was filed by former owner and allowed. Second sale was held but the Clerk failed to notify General Securities Corporation, which now applies for new sale.

Upon recommendation of the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that protest be allowed and the Clerk notified to again advertise the land for sale, notice to be sent to both parties of date of new sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the following report from the Special Case Committee:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 20, 1945.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund

C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy Sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbering from 323 to 358, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 323 to 358, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate



tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours,  
 NATHAN MAYO  
 Commissioner of Agriculture.  
 J. EDWIN LARSON  
 Treasurer.  
 J. TOM WATSON  
 Attorney General.

M/h/v  
 Encls.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the City of Fort Meade, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941 of the following lots in Polk County, formerly owned by the City:

Lots 3 to 6 Bowers & Roberts Sub;  
 Lots 2 to 27, Block A, G, D, Godwins Sub;  
 All in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 25 East.

Offer of \$30.00 was tendered for the lots together with certificate from the Clerk as to former ownership of the parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, the Trustees execute deed in favor of the City of Fort Meade, Florida, conveying the lots described for a consideration of \$30.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon request from Town of Orange City, Florida, for price on

Lots 6 and 7, Block 4, Jackson's Addition in  
 Block 31, Volusia County, Florida,

motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of the lots described, upon payment of \$62.50, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value placed on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, that the Trustees convey without cost the fol-

lowing described parcel of Murphy Act land in Duval County, to be used in extending Harrison Street to 23rd Street:

Lot 14 of Flynn's Subdivision of Lot 2, Block "H", Long Branch.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant right of way easement over so much of Lot 14 as is required for street right of way, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from R. E. Skinner, requesting that the Trustees include in oil lease hertofore authorized, a lease on the retained interest in Murphy Act land sold by the Trustees, for which he offers twenty-five cents (25¢) an acre. Mr. Skinner explained that he was securing leases from title holders of the land described as,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 27 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, and  
Tracts 1, 12, 13 and 14 in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 17 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees rescind former action and authorize five year lease of the retained interest in oil and minerals of the land described in application submitted October 3, 1944, and the two parcels herein described; payment to be fifty cents (50¢) per acre for the entire area, conditioned that Mr. Skinner procure leases from title owner of the land. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted, the Attorney General to prepare lease for execution.

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Duval County case was again presented with reference to request from John D. Bischoff for cancellation of Murphy Act certificates against land formerly owned by him. Information was furnished from the Clerk of the Circuit Court that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees February 20th, Mr. Bischoff had paid all taxes due and unpaid since 1925.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees disclaim title to the land in Sweetwater Farms S/D,

described in Minutes of February 20th, and recommend to the Comptroller that the Murphy Act certificates issued against the land be cancelled upon payment of amounts represented by all unpaid taxes since 1925, plus interest and costs. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from Robert M. Thomson of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Philadelphia-Florida Corporation, for option from the Trustees to lease the oil and mineral rights retained by the State on 21,990 acres purchased from the Trustees and the Everglades Drainage District at joint Murphy Act sale. The land purchased is located in Township 52 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Thomson be informed that the Trustees would be glad to cooperate in working out a fair lease on the lands, similar to that on Model Land Company's land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot. Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 27, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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The Secretary presented Minutes of the Trustees for the past several meetings for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve Minutes of December 28, 1944; January 9, 10, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6 and 13, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by said Trustees for the year 1945, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, as appearing in the column headed "DESCRIPTION" and the column headed "VALUE."

The Secretary was requested to certify the lists to the Everglades Drainage District for transmittal by them to the various tax assessors.

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Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting of the Trustees December 19, 1944, Thomas H. Horobin made application to purchase submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, lying between 79th Street Causeway and the proposed 36th Street Causeway, and agreed to bid at sale not less than \$400.00 an acre. On date of sale—March 20, 1945—the matter was referred to the Attorney General. Since that date Mr. Horobin has increased his offer to \$700.00 an acre for the submerged areas advertised for sale.

The Attorney General submitted his opinion dated March 26, 1945, and read it to the board.

Upon consideration of the opinion from the Attorney General, and the increased bid from Mr. Horobin, Mr. Mayo suggested that all interested parties be noti-



fied that bids would be received at the next meeting for the land advertised for sale March 20, 1945.

Attorney General Watson recommended that if the Trustees decide to sell the land, that they predicate the sale on the finding that the property does not constitute property fit for either bathing, fishing or navigation and is therefore not subject to the trust conditions.

Mr. Wells called attention to the fact that three parcels were advertised for objections and competitive bids and the fourth parcel was advertised for objections only. This was done at the request of Mr. Horobin who agreed to bid as much for the land advertised for objections only as was bid for the other parcels at competitive bidding.

Upon discussion of this point, Mr. Horobin stated that if it would facilitate the sale he would withdraw his request and release the Trustees from their agreement to allow him to purchase one parcel without competitive bidding, and that it would be satisfactory with him that all four parcels be put up at competitive bidding. It was so agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees set the date for receiving bids on the four parcels as Tuesday, April 3, 1945, and that all interested parties be notified that competitive bids would be received on that date. Upon vote the motion was adopted, the Attorney General voting No.

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	3/5/45	37
Brevard	3/12/45	36
Broward	2/19/45	392
Dade	10/4/44	1
Dade	2/7/45	43
Gadsden	3/17/45	4
Hendry	2/23/45	151
Hernando	3/5/45	5

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Hillsborough	3/6/45	114
Indian River	3/19/45	22
Jackson	3/19/45	18
Jefferson	3/12/45	12
Levy	3/12/45	6
Okeechobee	3/19/45	7
Pasco	3/5/45	15
Pinellas	7/11/44	11
Santa Rosa	3/12/45	7
Sarasota	3/12/45	33
Seminole	3/12/45	30
Sumter	3/19/45	18
Suwannee	3/5/45	11
Volusia	3/12/45	84

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Suggestion was made by Mr. Mayo that with the increased activity in land it might be well to increase the base bid from one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value to one-half of such value. After discussion of the subject, Mr. Lee made the motion that the bids be put on the basis of what this board considers a reasonable bid for the property; that when ridiculously small bids come in the Secretary be instructed to return them and advise that such bids will not be considered. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo.

The motion was discussed but no definite action taken.

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The Secretary presented memorandum of suggestions for Murphy Act sales, recommending that the Trustees advertise all Murphy Act land for sale, except such parcels as they desire to reserve in each County, and suggesting method of holding such sales, requirements and conditions thereof.

The memorandum was ordered held for further study by the individual members.

The Trustees ordered held for further information, request from Colonel E. P. Gaines that oil and mineral rights and State road right of way be released in Hillsborough County deeds No. 3746 and No. 3768 dated January 19, 1945.

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Letter from Attorney General Watson dated March 24th, was presented. The substance of the letter was explained by Mr. Watson as having reference to application for tax deed based on twenty-five individually held Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates covering land which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296 and which lands are now under lease to O. D. Robinson for oil exploration purposes. The conclusion reached by the Attorney General was that, in view of construction of the Supreme Court placed on Section 9 of the Murphy Act, the individually held Everglades Drainage District tax certificates were not exactly wiped out but were in suspension and unenforceable, and that the Clerk should be notified to refuse to issue tax deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the advice of the Attorney General be accepted and the Clerk notified to refuse to issue tax deed as applied for. Upon vote, the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from the Board of Public Instruction of Nassau County for conveyance of Block 163 of the Town of Hilliard as provided by Chapter 21796, Acts of 1943. The Act directs that the Trustees deed the Block to the Board of Public Instruction.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that deed be issued to Nassau County Board of Public Instruction covering the lands referred to in Chapter 21796 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Consideration was given to Pinellas County sale in favor of Ellen Fulton which was protested by a number of negroes who were purchasing under contract from former owner. The City of Oldsmar having interceded on behalf of the negroes, Governor Caldwell suggested that the City be requested to furnish further information and affidavits in support of the negroes' claim,

and if not submitted within a reasonable time that sale to Ellen Fulton be confirmed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the suggestion of the Governor be adopted as action of the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 3, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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The Trustees authorized advertisement of an island in Pasco County which had been applied for by Archie Clement, on behalf of Harry Johns, with offer of \$150.00 an acre. The following advertisement was published in the Dade City Banner in the issues of March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., April 3, 1945, the following described lands in PASCO COUNTY, Florida:



Description of island in Anclothe River, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, and run South 89° 54' 32" West (true bearing) 2,781.14 feet to a concrete monument on the Township line and located on an island on the West side of the Anclothe River; thence North 51° 53' 58" West 954.76 feet to a stake on the shore of Mickler's Island for a point of beginning. Thence from said point of beginning run N. 23° E., 130 feet; thence North 53° West, 100 feet; thence North 20° West, 200 feet; thence North 51° West, 130 feet; thence South 85° West, 100 feet; thence South 19° West, 300 feet; thence South 27° E. 160 feet; thence South 75° East, 220 feet; thence North 69° 05' 30" East, 118.45 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes of 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids, \$150 an acre from Mr. Johns was the only offer received. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Johns and issue deed to the island described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. J. Mark Wilcox, representing plaintiffs in a case entitled,

Charles H. Crandon, et al., Plaintiffs

vs

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of the  
State of Florida, et al.,

to temporarily enjoin the Trustees from selling areas in Biscayne Bay, advertised to be sold March 20, 1945, and Mr. Julius Parker, on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, reported to the board the result of application for temporary injunction which was heard by Circuit Judge W. May Walker, Second Judicial Circuit, on April 2, 1945.

The Order of the Court was considered by the Trustees, after which executive session was called. At the conclusion of the executive session Governor Caldwell informed Mr. Wilcox and other interested parties that the Trustees had concluded to receive bids for the four parcels advertised and hold them pending investigation by the Trustees of the facts.

The description of the four parcels, containing approximately 589 acres, having been called out at the beginning of the meeting, bids were called for.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin of Miami having offered \$500 an acre for the land, subsequently raised it to \$700 an acre, which was the only bid on file with the Trustees. Mr. A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee bid \$800 an acre. Mr. Horobin raised the bid to \$900 an acre, at which figure the bidding closed.

Governor Caldwell remarked that the Trustees will reserve the right to tabulate the bids, and upon determination of facts conclude whether the sale should be consummated.

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The Trustees recessed to meet at four o'clock in the afternoon.

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Four o'Clock P. M.

The Trustees met with the same members present.

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Without objection the Trustees deferred action on shell lease application in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company, involving areas in St. Johns River. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline the following offers:

Ambrose Becker of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$40 an acre for S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Dade County;

H. Gregory of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$30 an acre for  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 13, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, and

William J. Pruitt of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$1,000.00 for approximately 25 acres known as "Cross Key", located west of Jewfish Creek, on the main highway to Key West, in Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County,

and request the Land Appraiser to make examination of the parcels in Dade and Broward Counties and report back to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Without objection, the Trustees deferred action on application from E. M. Magaha, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Geary, with offer of \$150.00 for parcel of land on Porpoise Island, Lee County. The Land Department was requested to take the matter up with Mr. John M. Boring for getting further information on the subject. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids land in Marion County applied for by W. A. Shands with offer of \$5 an acre, the land being described as,

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 24 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$75 was again presented from Clifford A. Payne of Jacksonville, Florida, for purchase of unsurveyed Sections 19 and 20, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

The Trustees having heretofore deferred action on this offer, pending re-examination of the area to determine whether or not the Trustees had ownership in the sections named, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that no action be taken at this time as information required had not been furnished. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from Senator Harrison E. Barringer of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of V. B. Dixon, for purchase of an area located in

Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, containing 11 acres in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action on the request be deferred pending examination and report by the Land Appraiser. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on application from T. W. Conely, Jr., representing Austin Pearce, for purchase of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13, Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County, with offer of \$5 an acre; that the appraiser be requested to make examination of the property and submit report to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$900.00 was presented from William Garrison of Dunedin for

Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing approximately 84 acres in Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells furnished information that the lot is located on an island known as Hog Island and that a legislative act, Chapter 18400 of 1937, authorized the Trustees, in its discretion, to convey the property to the City of Dunedin for park purposes, and that the said City has made application for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on the question and have an appraisal made of the present value of the lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of twenty-five cents (25¢) an acre from W. B. Norton of Moore Haven, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on State land located between his upland property and Lake Okeechobee in Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, containing



160.51 acres, and that counter proposal be made to authorize lease at a rental of fifty cents (50¢) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. Land is located in Glades County.

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Mr. Wells presented letter from F. E. Snow, having reference to mineral sand lease authorized in his favor, with request that lease be drawn in the name of A. W. Young. Also presented letter from J. Hubert Graves requesting permission to assign Lease No. 274 to A. W. Young, all delinquent payments having been made on said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease granted F. E. Snow be made in the name of A. W. Young and that permission be given E. E. Carter and J. Hubert Graves for assigning Lease No. 274 to A. W. Young. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the United States, Navy Department, Miami, Florida, for permission to trim Australian pines growing on a small spoil bank located about one-half mile off shore from Dinner Key Seaplane Base. It was explained that the pines had grown to such height that they interfere with clear vision of the operations tower.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant permission to the Navy Department for trimming the pines on the spoil bank, and request that they be cut just as little as possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon request from Miami Shipbuilding Corporation, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year from this date on Lease No. 340 dated October 23, 1943—executed in favor of J. L. McCord and later assigned to Miami Shipbuilding Corporation—the extended time being needed for completing the first well required under terms of the lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for land under Chapter 18296, and reported that

they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	3/26/45	4
Bradford	3/5/45	8
Charlotte	3/12/45	6
Dade	3/7/45	2
Holmes	3/5/45	2
Holmes	3/19/45	2
Pasco	3/9/45	1
Pinellas	9/19/44	231
Polk	2/28/45	84
Santa Rosa	3/26/45	4
Suwannee	3/5/45	1
Walton	3/19/45	26
Walton	3/26/45	5

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 5, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

Governor Caldwell called the meeting for the purpose of allowing Senator D. C. Coleman of Miami, Florida, an opportunity to discuss proposed legislation involving bay bottoms in Biscayne Bay, recently advertised upon application of Thos. H. Horobin of Coral Gables.

Mr. Wells reported that following action of the Trustees at the meeting when bids were received for the land, the Land Office had furnished Mr. Horobin with a letter to the War Department in order that he might secure information as to dredging by the Federal Government and the depth of the water in the area involved.

The Governor informed the Board that Senator Coleman desired to find out the attitude of the Trustees toward a bill which he will introduce authorizing conveyance of these lands to Dade County upon payment by the County of an amount to represent the School Fund's equity in the land.

Senator Coleman explained that the people in his county and along the East coast desire to preserve Biscayne Bay in its natural state and not allow the building of any more islands; that he had been urged to put a bill through the Senate authorizing the Trustees to convey the land for public purposes; that it was of vital interest not only to the people of that section but to the adjoining towns and counties to the north and he requested that the Trustees give careful consideration to the wishes of the East coast area before making sale of the property.

Comptroller Lee asked how the equity of the School Fund would be determined, to which Senator Coleman replied that the bid received by the Trustees would have to be taken into consideration. Discussion was had as to the position of the Trustees, in view of the advertised sale and the offering of bids which were raised from \$700.00 to \$900.00 an acre.

Senator Coleman advised that if an act was passed by the Legislature authorizing the Trustees to transfer title to the bay bottoms to Dade County for public purposes, that would take care of any proposed sale to individuals; that his county desired to retain the bay in its natural beauty. Further that he would discuss the question with the County Commissioners of Dade County as to the interest of the School Fund.

No action being deemed necessary at this time, upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 11, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Representative W. S. Middleton of Pomona, Putnam County, Florida, was present and called attention to an act of the 1945 Legislature—Chapter 21784—which authorized the Trustees to deed to the town of Pomona approximately 300 acres of marginal lands around Lake Broward. An offer of \$50.00 was submitted to the Trustees for the School Fund's equity in the land. It was proposed that the town take title to the property and in turn deed to respective adjoining owners areas in front of their property.

Governor Caldwell explained that the land had been appraised at \$10.00 an acre and that further consideration would be necessary in view of the offer from the Town of Pomona.

Opinion from the Attorney General was presented and read. Mr. Watson remarked that the only thing necessary was to decide on the consideration to be received and arrangements under which sales would be made to adjacent owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consider the request and take



final action at a later date. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Further consideration was given to Dade County land in Biscayne Bay, for which Thos. H. Horobin bid \$900.00 an acre. Temporary restraining order having been handed down by the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, discussion was had on the effect of said order. Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney who represented the Trustees in the case before Judge Walker on the 3rd of April, and Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, were present and gave their interpretation of the Restraining Order, what effect it had on the proposed sale, and their views as to the meaning of the Act under which the Trustees convey submerged areas with respect to the fixing of a date for determining the depth of water over the bay bottoms in question.

The Trustees being of the opinion that no action should be taken at this time with reference to sale of the property, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the matter be deferred until the Court had entered final decree in the case. Action on the motion withheld pending discussion of the Order. Mr. Parker read the Restraining Order of the Court, which is as follows:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND  
FOR LEON COUNTY. IN CHANCERY.

CHARLES H. CRANDON, et al.,	)	
	)	Plaintiffs,
—vs—	)	TEMPORARY
MILLARD F. CALDWELL, Governor	)	RESTRAINING
of the State of Florida, et al,	)	ORDER
	)	Defendants.)

This cause came on for argument upon the Motion of Plaintiffs for a Temporary Restraining Order, and after argument by counsel for Plaintiffs and for Defendants, and upon consideration of various affidavits introduced and documentary evidence, including United States Coast and Geodetic Survey maps, it is, upon consideration,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Defendants Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of the State of Florida; J. M. Lee, Comptroller of the State of Flor-

ida; J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer of the State of Florida; J. Tom Watson, Attorney General of the State of Florida; Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of the State of Florida; R. A. Gray, Secretary of State; J. Tom Watson, Attorney General; J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer; and Colin English, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as and constituting the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, be and they are hereby enjoined and restrained until the further order of the Court from selling or conveying any of the lands described in the Bill of Complaint which were as of the effective date of the Act of 1913, now codified as Section 253.06, Florida Statutes 1941, covered by water more than three feet deep at high tide and not separated from the shore by a channel or channels not less than five feet deep.

This injunction shall be immediately effective and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five days, or until the further order of this Court, during which time the Plaintiff shall be required to file a bond, to be approved by the Clerk of the above entitled Court, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In the event said bond is not filed with said Clerk within said five-day period, then this injunction shall automatically dissolve and be of no force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Florida, this 3rd day of April, 1945.

/s/ W. MAY WALKER,  
Circuit Judge.

A TRUE COPY:

Attest:

W. MAY WALKER, Judge.

Mr. Parker informed the Board that he did not believe any final order could be given by the Court without lengthy testimony being taken in Dade County; that it might take a year before the case could be completed. The Court places the burden on the Trustees that the land was under water not over three feet deep.

Governor Caldwell remarked that he would like to have further facts before taking action, whereupon, motion of Mr. Lee was put. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson informed the Board that he had rendered an opinion in this case regarding the law as the same affects the Board's right to sell the land; that he has been made a party defendant in the suit and will represent himself personally in the Court proceedings, and he therefore asked that the following motion be adopted:

"That the Attorney General be officially relieved of any representation in this suit with acknowledgement by the Board that he will officially represent himself consistent with the opinion he has given in the matter."

Motion of Mr. Watson was seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote duly adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees employ counsel to represent them in the case. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Governor Caldwell appointed Mr. Watson, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Larson and Mr. English to confer with counsel and work out the terms of the case.

Mr. Parker asked for authority to accept service for the Trustees in the suit, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that Mr. Julius Parker be authorized to accept service in this suit on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that under date of December 19, 1944, the Trustees considered application from Duval Engineering and Contracting Company for renewal of Shell Lease No. 158 covering areas in Duval County. Offer for renewal for seven cents (7¢) per cubic yard for shell removed from State owned property and one-half cent ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢) per cubic yard for shell removed from private property. Based on the application the Trustees authorized a one-year renewal upon the terms offered and requested that the Attorney General prepare the lease. Lease as prepared by the Attorney General was submitted for action.

Discussion was had as to the provisions of the lease, the Governor expressing the view that he was generally opposed to exclusive leases but since this is for one year, he will waive that feature. Question was asked as to payment for shell taken from privately owned property and it was explained that in order to reach

private property and get the shell out it had to be transported over State property and it was hard to determine which was State and which was private property in some areas.

Further discussion was had on the lease being made by the Trustees and the Conservation Board and it was agreed that there was no necessity for the Conservation Board to join in the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees execute one-year shell lease in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company covering the areas described in the form upon payment as stated, with notice to be given the lessee that no renewal will be granted upon the same terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Governor Caldwell expressed the opinion that disposition should be made of the question of ownership of the areas covered in the shell lease.

Mr. Watson moved that the Attorney General be furnished with the description of the lands covered by the lease for determining the ownership, and that the description of lands owned by private parties, from which shell is being taken, be ascertained also for determining ownership. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Wells was requested to secure a list of the lands owned by private individuals and submit to the Attorney General together with description of the State lands.

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Mr. Thomas H. Horobin came into the Board room and asked if any disposition could be made of the Bay Biscayne areas on which he had made a bid of \$900.00 an acre, and was informed of the action taken earlier during the meeting.

Mr. Horobin stated that he was not asking for definite sale at this time, but would like to be assured that sale would be made to him at the price bid when the Court ruled that the Trustees had authority to sell, to which Governor Caldwell replied that it was the sense of the Board that his bid would be accepted if and when the Trustees are authorized to sell the land.

Further comments and suggestions were offered on the subject but the Trustees remained of the opinion that no definite action as to sale should be taken



pending final ruling of the Court, whereupon, Mr. Horobin asked that his bid remain in force till July 1, 1945. This was agreeable to the Trustees and it was so ordered.

Attorney General Watson informed the Board that he was recommending that an act be passed at this session of the Legislature, having reference to division of proceeds derived from sale of lands, title to which came to the Trustees under Chapter 14572, the 1935 Legislature having repealed that part of the law providing for division of proceeds. Mr. Watson asked that the Trustees give consideration as to whether they would recommend the same division as carried in the former law, or some other.

Without objection the matter was deferred for further consideration.

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Request was presented from J. P. Scranton for a second extension of his Exploration Contract and Option to Lease No. 344 dated October 26, 1943, for the reason that extreme difficulties have been encountered in making geophysical surveys, and he has been unable to complete explorations required. The lease covers oil and mineral reservations retained by the Trustees in land sold to Model Land Company.

Discussion was had on adoption of a policy to be followed in connection with extensions of leases, Mr. Larson being of the opinion that extensions should be for a period of six (6) months, with a limit to the number of extensions to be allowed on any one lease, and in case of non-performance within that period that the lease be cancelled.

Governor Caldwell remarked that he had expressed himself as not being very favorable to the granting of extensions; that he felt when exploration contracts were approved the lessee should get busy and carry out the obligations; that in the instant case he thought an extension should be granted Mr. Scranton as the area was very difficult to work in except at certain times during the year.

Mr. Lawrence Truett explained that the present extension would expire April 28th and that the Company had not been able to get the seismograph work done but that the Petty Geophysical Company had promised to get a crew in that area at an early date. Mr. Scranton

ton offers to pay a consideration of \$1000.00 for the extension applied for—one year.

Mr. Watson inquired whether or not the Scranton contract was involved in any of the Blanchard contracts, to which Mr. Truett replied that it was not; that the contract was strictly between the Trustees and Mr. Scranton. Mr. Watson was of the opinion that it was tied in in someway, or Mr. Blanchard claimed some interest.

Mr. Watson stated that he was in favor of granting extension to Mr. Scranton but thought it should be conditioned upon an entirely new contract being entered into between the Trustees and Scranton after declaring the present contract forfeited. He offered motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Larson, but no action taken.

The meeting recessed to meet at 2:30 P. M.

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2:20 P. M.

The meeting convened with all members present except Comptroller Lee.

Further consideration was given to request from Mr. Scranton for extension of his contract, and discussion was had with reference to suit involving the Blanchard contracts, as between Mr. Blanchard and associates, and inquiry was made as to what progress was being made to settle the case. It was the view of several members that all parties having any interest in the Blanchard contracts should get actively behind the case and get it out of the way; that the Trustees are evidencing their good faith in granting extensions for carrying on the explorations and feel that the lawsuit should not be allowed to drag along indefinitely.

Mr. Watson remarked that his proposal contemplated taking advantage of the present forfeiture rights under the Scranton Contract No. 344 and separating such lease from any connection with the Blanchard interests.

Governor Caldwell was in favor of granting the extension, but with the understanding that it would be the last.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees authorize extension in favor of J. P. Scranton for a period of one (1) year from April 28, 1945, upon payment of \$1000.00 with the understanding that it would be the final and last extension of said Contract No. 344.

Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted, Mr. Watson voting No for the reasons already expressed.

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Mr. Watson stated that he wished to vote No on the application recently submitted from Miami Shipbuilding Corporation, for the same reason that he voted No on the Scranton application.

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Honorable Doyle E. Carlton and Mr. E. D. Pressler, representing Humble Oil and Refining Company, were present and Attorney General Watson remarked that question had been raised as to whether there was conflict in two sections of one of their leases—Sections 6 and 10 of Lease No. 338 dated October 13, 1943; that he made examination of the points in question and had prepared report thereon. Report was read.

Mr. Carlton stated that he understood that rental under the lease comes due September 1945, to which the Attorney General replied that he agreed with the interpretation placed on the Sections by Mr. Carlton and that there was no conflict so far as he was concerned, however, in order to clarify the terms of the contract he would give an opinion on that point and furnish attorneys for the Humble Oil and Refining Company with copy.

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Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, representing Humble Oil Company, applied for lease covering the retained oil interest of the State in land near the new location at Punta Gorda, Charlotte County. Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre was made for the Trustees' interest in the land as well as for a small tract of Murphy Act land. It was explained that these parcels block in an area already under lease to the Company.

Upon discussion of the application it was thought best to have a written application with description of the land, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Humble Oil Company submit to the Trustees their application in writing, giving description of the tracts desired, and if no legal objections are found the lease be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that on October 24, 1944, the Trustees agreed to advertise the following described

land for competitive bids provided clients of Mr. Julius Parker would agree to bid not less than \$7.50 an acre on date of sale:

Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Township 47 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Parker was present and agreed to bid not less than \$7.50 an acre on date of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$7.50 an acre from Mr. Parker's client, Guillermo Cabrera. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Miss Pearl Pearce for five-year extension of Lease No. 18447 expiring January 26, 1946, covering 592.19 acres of State land in

Townships 38 and 39 South, Range 34 East, and Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the lease be extended for five years from January 26, 1946, with payment at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from L. S. Remsberg for the following described land in Broward County:

$W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 20, Township 49 South, Range 41 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action be deferred and that the Appraiser be requested to report as to the value of the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees have an appraisal made of an island in the Anclote River, containing 2.64 acres in Pasco County, which was applied for by Mr. Archie Clements with offer of \$151.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.



Letter from Harvey W. Seeds Post, American Legion, Miami, Florida, was presented, with reference to legislation affecting deed from the Trustees to said Post.

At the suggestion of the Governor the matter was referred to the Attorney General with the further observation that something satisfactory might be worked out informally with the House Committee. It was so ordered.

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With reference to lease authorized in favor of M. L. Benedum covering lands owned by the State in fee and Murphy Act lands, as well as the retained interest of the State in other lands, Mr. Watson explained that the descriptions furnished him were indefinite. He recommended that the Benedum interests be requested to furnish detailed description of all lands to be incorporated in the deed.

Mr. Basil Lucas, who was present representing Mr. Benedum, informed the Board that the Attorney General's request would be complied with.

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The Attorney General presented the request from the Florida Board of Forests and Parks that conveyance by the Trustees to the Park Board of approximately 17,000 acres of land be without oil and mineral reservations. Mr. Watson explained that he had conferred with the Forestry Department and prepared a report on the subject; that he felt that the Trustees have the legal right and that the law requires in any conveyance that the rights be reserved in the State, provided the oil reservation is made so as not to be against the park purposes.

It was also suggested that agencies, boards and departments of the State should not be given the right to make oil and mineral leases or contracts; that they should be controlled by the central agency, the State; that while the State has the power to do this now there was the question of whether or not legislation should be asked which would preserve this power in one agency entirely.

The subject was discussed but no final action taken.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following bills from the State Water Resources Committee be approved and

that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	\$ 30.80
Ellis F. Davis, Atty. at Law, Kissimmee .....	500.00
Frank Stirling, Rt. 1, Fort Lauderdale .....	192.91
Lacy G. Thomas, Groveland .....	132.80
L. A. Wesson, Tallahassee .....	175.70
Ida Abrams, c/o Mr. W. A. Glass, Secretary State Committee on Water Resources .....	127.20
Treasurer of the United States .....	219.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,378.41</b>

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1945 UNDER CHAPTER 610

BALANCE as of March 1, 1945 ..... \$336,444.87

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$12,884.93
Land Leases .....	228.57
Shell Leases .....	895.72
Mineral Leases .....	18.75
Grazing Leases .....	514.70
Timber Lease .....	5.41
Fishing Lease .....	150.00
Fishing Campsite .....	56.25
Int. on Certificate No. 18847	\$52.22
Int. on Certificates Nos. 18725 and 18766 .....	41.88
Right of Way Easement .....	94.10
Refund by TC, Palm Beach Co. on Everglades Drainage Dis. Taxes Paid by Others on State Lands .....	144.75
Reimbursement for Certificate of Proof of Publication and Copy Notice of Sale of Property, City of Sarasota .....	3,317.90
Sale of Volumes & Certified Copies Tr I I Minutes .....	2.00
	8.00

Total Receipts for the Month of  
March, 1945 ..... \$18,321.08 18,321.08

**TOTAL** ..... **\$354,765.95**

Less Disbursements for the Month of March,  
1945 ..... 1,749.26

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1945 ..... \$353,016.69

### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
3-22-45	190688	Joseph S. Fishkind .....	\$ 45.05
	190689	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	87.25
	190690	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	12.65
	190691	V. F. Halter .....	123.17
3-23-45	190692	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	23.32
3-31-45	191614	Comptroller of Florida .....	6.00
	200714	F. C. Elliot .....	342.20
	200715	M. O. Barco .....	171.10
	200716	Jentye Dedge .....	171.10
	200717	H. L. Shearer .....	75.00
	200718	J. B. Lee .....	20.00
	200719	David B. Ericson .....	185.40
	200720	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	201105	L. A. Wesson .....	22.00
	202347	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to Chapter 20667 .....	209.82
		Withholding Tax .....	205.20

TOTAL ..... \$1,749.26

### UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of March 1, 1945 ..... \$13,744.14  
Receipts for the Month ..... —0—

Total ..... \$13,744.14  
Less Disbursements for the Month ..... —0—

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1945 ..... \$13,744.14

### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of March 1, 1945 ..... \$49,515.86  
Receipts for the Month ..... 46,786.81

Total ..... \$96,302.67  
Less Disbursements for the Month ..... 46,282.55

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1945 ..... \$50,020.12

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
3-22-45	190693	Western Union Telegraph Co. \$	3.60
	190694	H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	13.75
	190695	Merritt Brown Co. ....	3.00
	190696	Capital Office Equipment Co. ....	1.50
	191262	City of Miami ....	1.00
3-21-45	200721	Ernest Hewitt ....	232.40
	200722	Helen Phillips ....	156.10
	200723	Mary Evans Voss ....	136.00
	200724	J. R. Roberts ....	172.70
	200725	M. O. Barco ....	25.00
	200726	Jentye Dedge ....	25.00
	200727	F. C. Elliot ....	50.00
	200728	Lucile J. Kennedy ....	92.30
	200729	Mildred F. Scott ....	136.90
	200730	Vivian A. Dedicos ....	109.30
	201147	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR ....	45,000.00
		Withholding Tax ....	124.00
TOTAL .....			\$46,282.55

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	2/21/45	30
Bay	3/19/45	5
Clay	3/24/45	2
Dade	3/21/45	34
Dade	3/23/45	16
DeSoto	3/23/45	1
Escambia	3/23/45	9
Franklin	3/5/45	4
Hamilton	3/26/45	14
Hendry	3/26/45	2
Hernando	3/26/45	10
Hillsborough	3/19/45	86



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Lee	1/2/45	29
Leon	3/26/45	1
Leon	4/2/45	2
Marion	4/2/45	15
Nassau	3/26/45	129
Nassau	4/2/45	3
Orange	3/5/45	30
Osceola	3/12/45	46
Pasco	4/2/45	13
Pinellas	7/11/44	1
Pinellas	8/15/44	15
Pinellas	11/14/44	164
Pinellas	12/19/44	63
Sarasota	3/26/45	69
Seminole	3/27/45	36
St. Lucie	4/2/45	38
Volusia	3/12/45	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The following amount was transferred to General Revenue from Receipts under Chapter 18296 for the month of March, 1945:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$45,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 24, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to approve Minutes of the Trustees dated February 14, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Representative J. C. Getzen of Sumter County presented application from J. T. Hancock of Okeechobee, Florida, for purchase of land described as,

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, containing 80 acres, more or less, in Okeechobee County.

An amount of \$37.50 an acre was offered for the land if not advertised for bids, but if advertised, Mr. Hancock would agree to bid not less than \$32.50 an acre on date of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at competitive bidding, based on offer of \$32.50 an acre from Mr. Hancock. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, having requested an appointment with the Trustees to hear attorneys in the mortgage foreclosure case of Sum-

ner and Hunt, Mr. John W. Bull, representing R. H. Sumner, Jr., and Mr. Erle B. Askew, representing C. Frank Harrison and associates, were present.

It was explained that a resolution was adopted by the Trustees August 15, 1939, accepting a proposal made by R. H. Sumner, Jr., which was, in substance, that he bring proceedings to cancel a certain tax deed held by Walter Collany involving all of the lands covered by Mortgage No. 17460 dated January 15, 1925, and pay the costs thereof, and also to pay the costs of mortgage foreclosure proceedings on condition that after said suits have been completed and title shall revest in the State, the Trustees will convey to R. H. Sumner, Jr., one-fourth of the premises to be agreed upon.

Mr. Bull stated that Mr. Sumner had foreclosed the mortgage and the title to the land was back in the State and the question now was whether the foreclosure wiped out the tax lien; that Mr. Sumner attempted to have the tax lien wiped out of the picture but failed; that he feels he has carried out his part of the agreement by paying all costs of foreclosure and doing everything he could to have the tax deed cancelled. He contends that he is entitled to have one-fourth of the property deeded to him.

Mr. Askew, on behalf of his client, stated that they had offered to convey to the State all of the 212 acres originally deeded to Hunt & Sumner except approximately 18 acres of upland for which they request a quitclaim deed; that they bought the tax deed in 1929 and have paid taxes ever since.

The claims as submitted by both parties were considered and the terms of the resolution discussed, the Trustees being of the opinion that the proposal made by Mr. Sumner, and accepted by the Trustees, clearly intended that the tax deed was to be gotten out of the way entirely and unencumbered title returned to the State; that upon these things being done the Trustees would convey to Mr. Sumner one-fourth of the land originally conveyed under Deed No. 17460; that Mr. Sumner had failed to get the tax deed cancelled and therefore had not carried out his part of the contract. The value of the land was discussed and both Mr. Askew and Mr. Sumner were of the opinion that \$1800.00 would be a fair value.

All parties having been heard, motion was made by Mr. Watson that Mr. Sumner and his attorney and Mr. Askew get together and try to work out a proposal to submit to the Trustees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote duly adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees had advertised for sale on April 17th land in Collier, Gulf and Hendry Counties, but a quorum of the Board not being present, the following bids were received and held pending action:

Upon application of William Moser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, with bid of \$3.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Collier News, Everglades, Florida, on March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., April 17th, 1945, the following described lands in COLLIER COUNTY:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 15, Township 47 South, Range 30 East, and

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, Township 48 South, Range 30 East,  
containing 800.00 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The highest bid made was \$3.00 an acre from William Moser.



Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Moser and confirm sale in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon application of W. G. Hardy, Sr., of Overstreet, Florida, with bid of \$1250.00, the following Notice was published in the Port tS. Joe on March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 9, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., April 17th, 1945, the following described lands in GULF COUNTY:

Lots 11, 12 and 14, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West—containing 120.87 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The highest bid received was \$1250.00 from W. G. Hardy, Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Mr. Hardy be accepted and sale confirmed in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon application from Joe A. Hilliard of LaBelle, Florida, the following Notice was published in the Clewiston News, Clewiston, Florida, in the issues of March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th, 1945:

# NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 23, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., April 17th, 1945, the following described land in HENDRY COUNTY:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, 317 Acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08, and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The highest bid received for the Hendry County land was \$4.00 an acre from Joe A. Hilliard.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer from Mr. Hilliard be accepted and sale confirmed in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on application from Virgil M. Smith, with offer of \$50.00 an acre for

Lots 13 and 14, Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, containing 70.61 acres in Palm Beach County,

pending appraisal of the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that action be deferred on the following applications and that appraisals be secured and submitted to the board:

M. S. Hayes of Gainesville, Florida—Offers \$3.50 an acre for Sections 1 and 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County. Now under Grazing Lease No. 231 to William T. Hull, expiring September 23, 1947;

R. G. Johnson, Jr., of Pahokee, Florida—Offers \$10.00 an acre for the purchase of Sections 7, 9 and 11 of Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County.

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Application was presented from Julius Parker of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of William J. Pruitt, with offer of \$2500.00 for a small parcel of land known as "Cross Key," located on the main highway to Key West, Florida, about 200 yards west of Jewfish Creek.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the key be advertised for bids based on offer of \$2500.00 from Mr. Pruitt. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Offer of ten cents (10¢) an acre was submitted from C. W. O'Berry of DeSoto, Florida, for six-year grazing lease on the following described land in Highlands County:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Section 10, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 423.66 acres;

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, less one acre; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 311.68 acres, and

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 80 acres, now under lease to Hardie Driggers.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to lease the land applied for at the price offered by Mr. O'Berry, and that counter proposal be made to lease at an annual rental of twenty-five cents (25¢) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Senator Harrison E. Barringer on behalf of Colonel V. B. Dixon, to purchase

a parcel of land in Sarasota County, originally submerged but since filled in, located in

Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, containing approximately 11 acres, and lying contiguous to Roberts Bay.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$100 an acre from Colonel Dixon. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from Tom Conely, Jr., on behalf of Austin Pearce, for land described as,

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 of Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$5.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$6.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Representative Joe Peeples of Moore Haven, Florida, to lease an area on Lake Hicpochee in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, containing approximately 500 acres in Glades County. Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre was made for three year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer from Mr. Peeples and authorize three-year lease covering the area applied for, upon payment of fifty cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees having deferred action pending appraisal of an island in Anclote River applied for by Mr. Archie Clements on behalf of Oscar Hill appraisal was presented and considered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bidding the island applied for based on bid of \$151.00



an acre from Mr. Hill. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from Town of Pomona, Florida, for conveyance of land around Lake Broward, Putnam County, upon payment of \$50.00.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	\$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	16.00
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee .....	38.50
J. F. Waddell, Pahokee .....	55.55
Lloyd M. Phillips, Clearwater .....	25.00
Arthur J. Nelson, St. Petersburg .....	25.00
Nelson Sherrod, St. Petersburg .....	25.00
Frank Stoutamire, Sheriff, Leon County .....	2.85
The Treasurer of the United States .....	4.62
Thompson Letter Service, Winter Haven .....	110.75
L. A. Wesson, Tallahassee .....	25.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Winter Haven .....	35.48
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	71.10
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	1.05
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,880.90</b>

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#### SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote the motion was adopted:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 1.12
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	88.40
King Office Supply Co., Jacksonville .....	137.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	135.36
D. Fred McMullen, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	47.25
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	115.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,564.63</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 8, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Sinclair Wells.

Honorable Doyle Carlton, representing Humble Oil and Refining Company, was present and requested that the Trustees adopt a short resolution which followed the opinion of the Attorney General, for the purpose of definitely defining what date rental becomes due on Lease No. 338. It was explained that there was some conflict in the mind of the Company as to Sections 6 and 10 of the lease; that the Attorney General had ren-

dered an opinion, which was in agreement with the opinion of the Company, but in order to have the sections clarified and something of record in the minutes of the Trustees, the adoption of the resolution was desired.

Mr. Watson submitted the following copy of letter to Mr. Carlton and a memorandum opinion on the question and informed the Board that there was no conflict between the two sections and he could see no reason for adoption of a resolution as requested:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 19, 1945.

Honorable Doyle E. Carlton  
Attorney at Law  
1214 First National Bank Building  
Tampa 1, Florida.

Re: Lease of State to Humble Oil  
& Refining Company on Dade  
County Lands Dated October 13, 1943.

Dear Mr. Carlton:

I have your letter of April 12 concerning the above and beg to state that I have consulted the files of the Land Department, and I find there a letter from L. T. Barrow, Vice President, Humble Oil & Refining Company, dated 3/3/45, in which he reports on drilling of well as outlined in your letter.

If the lease became a commercial lease when the well was drilled to a depth of 6,000 feet, which, according to your letter and the letter of L. T. Barrow, was on September 7, then the next rental payment will be due on September 7, 1945.

I trust that this is the information that you desire.

Very truly yours,

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General

By:

SUMTER LEITNER  
Assistant Attorney General.

SL:lh

March 28, 1945.

## MEMORANDUM

RE: Humble Oil & Refining Company Lease  
No. 338.

QUESTION 1: Is there a conflict between  
Sections 6 and 10 of the contract?

Section 6 of the lease provides that if the lease becomes a commercial lease under the provisions of paragraph 4 (which states that a commercial lease is one when well is drilled to a depth of 6000 feet or commercial production found at a lesser depth) nevertheless it will terminate as to both parties if on or before one year from the date it becomes a commercial lease, lessee has not commenced drilling operations, additional drilling or re-working operations, or pays rental.

Section 10 of the lease provides that if prior to the discovery of oil, gas or other mineral, a dry hole should be drilled, or if after the discovery production should cease, the lease will terminate unless lessee commences additional drilling or re-working operations within sixty days, or within 60 days pays a rental of \$10,272.00 per calendar year, or fraction thereof.

I can see no conflict in the above sections.

Section 6 refers to a **commercial lease** (one when well is dug or drilled to a depth of 6000 feet or **commercial** production found at a lesser depth.)

Section 10 refers to **dry wells**, regardless of depth (except each well must not be over 6000 feet in depth or it will be a commercial lease) or if after production (provided the production is not commercial production, otherwise it will be a commercial lease) production should cease.

QUESTION 2: If under the contract a dry well is drilled, within what time must additional operations or re-working operations commence, or rental be paid?



This will depend upon the well drilled. If well is drilled to the depth of 6000 feet or more, additional drilling operations or re-working operations must commence or rental be paid within one year from date this depth is reached. (Section 6 of contract). If well is drilled to a depth of less than 6000 feet, additional drilling operations or re-working operations must commence or rental be paid within 60 days from stoppage of drilling. (Section 10 of contract).

J. TOM WATSON.

Mr. Carlton explained that his company felt that there was sufficient doubt as to the construction that might be placed on the two sections to file with the Trustees a check in amount of \$8,000.00 in order to have their lease in good standing; that they were of the same opinion as the Attorney General—that the date for the next rental payment was September 7, 1945—and wanted the board to go on record as approving the Attorney General's opinion and fixing the date.

Mr. Watson stated that if Mr. Carlton would submit in writing his request and he could have opportunity to examine the contract he would give an opinion to the Trustees by noon of the next day.

Governor Caldwell asked Mr. Carlton to submit his request in writing to the Attorney General and a meeting would be held at 12:45 the next day for final action on the subject.

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Application was presented from Dewey Allen of Inglis, Florida, to purchase timber on the following land:

Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, Levy County.

Offer of approximately \$10 per thousand was made for the timber with two-year lease.

Motion was made that an appraisal be had before taking action. Motion seconded and adopted.

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Application was presented from C. Q. Bussell, on behalf of J. N. Click, with offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on approxi-

mately thirty (30) acres of sub-marginal Lake Okeechobee land. The land is located between uplands owned by applicant in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, and the Lake, in Okeechobee County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Click upon payment of fifty cents (50¢) an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$10.00 an acre from Driggers and Remsberg for 2500 acres of land in Townships 49 and 50 South, Range 39 East, and in Township 50 South, Range 40 East, Broward County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees requested appraisal before taking action on application from John C. Blocker, on behalf of Stuart Green, for  $3\frac{3}{4}$  acres of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County, Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, for which he offered \$375.00. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that land in Charlotte County had been advertised to be sold May 1, 1945, but a quorum not being present on that date bids were received and disposition postponed till this meeting.

The following Notice was published in the Punta Gorda Herald in the issues of March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19 and 26th, 1945, pursuant to application from Honorable Doyle E. Carlton, for client:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 26, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, 11:00 o'clock A. M., May 1st, 1945, the following described land in CHARLOTTE COUNTY:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9; W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$

of Section 13; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , less 7 acres to C. H. & N. R. R., of Section 14 and E $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , less 3 acres to C. H. & N. R. R., of Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 21 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.  
Colin English, Secretary  
State Board of Education.

The only bid received for the land was \$5.00 an acre from Mr. Carlton, on behalf of A. C. Frizzell.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Frizzell for the land in Charlotte County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$50.00 an acre was presented from Arthur Treister, Miami Beach, Florida, for purchase of

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Ambrose Becker also offered \$40.00 an acre for part of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$50.00 from Mr. Treister. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Action was ordered deferred on application from Miller and Fitzsimmons, on behalf of Rachel T. Beaty,

for purchase of an area in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees deferred action on request from Representative W. S. Middleton for conveyance of land around Lake Broward, Pomona, Putnam County, Florida, pursuant to Chapter 21784, Acts of 1943.

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Application was presented from Kenneth W. Kerr, on behalf of the City of Dunedin, for purchase of a parcel of land located on Hog Island, being

Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

The City offers \$840.00 for the island.

Another offer of \$900.00 was received from William Garrison for the same property.

Mr. Wells informed the Board that an act of the 1937 Legislature—Chapter 18400—authorized conveyance of the lot to the City of Dunedin for park purposes, and that the appraiser had valued the land at \$12.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land be advertised for objections only, provided the City of Dunedin will agree to bid not less than \$12.00 an acre on date of sale; deed to contain reversion clause in the event the land should be used for other purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from W. L. Mussett for lease of a small mud flat in

Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in Dade County,

for which he offers \$25.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize one-year lease in favor of Mr. Mussett upon payment of \$25.00 in advance. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1945 UNDER CHAPTER 610

BALANCE as of April 1, 1945 .....\$353,016.69

## Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....\$24,429.26

Land Sales—Under Chapter 14572—  
as follows:

Palm Beach County .....\$ 12.11  
Sarasota County ..... 500.00      512.11

Land Sales—Under Chapter 14717—  
as follows:

Palm Beach County .....\$699.64  
Broward County ..... 500.50      1,200.14

Land Leases ..... 2,812.77  
Farm Leases ..... 598.50  
Shell & Gravel Leases ..... 612.02  
Mineral Leases ..... 506.25  
Grazing Leases ..... 435.04

Total Receipts for April, 1945 .....\$31,106.09      31,106.09

TOTAL .....\$384,122.78

Less Disbursements ..... 4,478.92

BALANCE as of April 30, 1945 .....\$379,643.86

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
4-11-45	208259	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans-fer 3%	\$1,729.46
4-18-45	211961	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	30.80
	211962	Ellis P. Davis	500.00
	211963	Frank Stirling	192.91
	211964	Lacy G. Thomas	132.80
	211965	L. A. Wesson	175.70
	211966	Ida Abrams	127.20
	211967	Treasurer of the U. S. A.	219.00
4-30-45	224038	F. C. Elliot	342.20
	224039	M. O. Barco	162.80
	224040	Jentye Dedge	171.10
	224041	J. B. Lee	20.00
	224042	David B. Ericson	185.40

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	224043	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	224044	Cyril Baldwin .....	196.10
	224697	Comptroller of Florida .....	1.05
		Withholding Tax .....	242.40
TOTAL .....			<u>\$4,478.92</u>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

BALANCE as of April 1, 1945 .....	\$13,744.14
Receipts for the Month .....	2,420.32
TOTAL .....	<u>\$16,164.46</u>
Disbursements for the Month .....	<u>-0-</u>
BALANCE as of April 30, 1945 .....	<u>\$16,164.46</u>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

BALANCE as of April 1, 1945 .....	\$ 50,020.12
Receipts for the Month .....	70,751.41
TOTAL .....	<u>\$120,771.53</u>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	<u>46,155.00</u>
BALANCE as of April 30, 1945 .....	<u>\$ 74,616.53</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
4-30-45	224045	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 232.40
	224046	Helen Phillips .....	156.10
	224047	Mary Evans Voss .....	136.00
	224048	J. R. Roberts .....	172.70
	224049	M. O. Barco .....	25.00
	224050	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	224051	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	224052	Mildred F. Scott .....	136.90
	224053	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	109.30
	224370	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR .....	45,000.00
		Withholding Tax .....	111.60
TOTAL .....			<u>\$46,155.00</u>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	2/24/45	1
Bay	2/19/45	1
Brevard	2/7/45	1
Broward	3/19/45	378
Charlotte	4/9/45	19
Citrus	3/12/45	21
Citrus	4/17/45	4
Clay	4/7/45	2
Clay	4/28/45	1
Columbia	4/23/45	1
Dade	3/9/45	23
Dade	3/28/45	29
Dade	3/30/45	68
DeSoto	4/9/45	2
DeSoto	4/23/45	2
DeSoto	4/30/45	1
Duval	3/8/45	26
Escambia	3/23/45	1
Gadsden	4/10/45	4
Gadsden	4/25/45	4
Hardee	3/5/45	2
Hendry	3/26/45	1
Hernando	4/23/45	10
Holmes	4/2/45	12
Holmes	4/25/45	2
Jackson	4/30/45	35
Jefferson	4/9/45	7
Lake	2/12/45	40
Lake	3/12/45	38
Lake	3/26/45	37
Lee	8/10/44	2
Lee	1/2/45	1
Levy	4/9/45	6
Manatee	4/2/45	38
Marion	4/2/45	1
Martin	12/18/44	30
Martin	1/15/45	59

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Martin	1/22/45	9
Martin	2/12/45	37
Monroe	4/3/45	198
Okaloosa	3/13/44	6
Okaloosa	5/6/44	9
Okaloosa	7/29/44	5
Orange	4/2/45	27
Osceola	3/26/45	114
Palm Beach	9/15/44	1
Palm Beach	2/9/45	61
Palm Beach	2/9/45	5
Pinellas	7/11/44	11
Pinellas	8/15/44	4
Pinellas	9/19/44	19
Pinellas	11/14/44	7
Pinellas	12/19/44	1
Pinellas	2/20/45	272
Pinellas	4/17/45	227
Putnam	1/6/45	2
Santa Rosa	4/9/45	16
Sarasota	4/16/45	45
St. Johns	3/16/45	17
Suwannee	4/2/45	10
Taylor	3/23/45	1
Taylor	3/16/45	2
Taylor	4/13/45	2
Volusia	3/2/45	1
Wakulla	12/27/44	1
Wakulla	2/28/45	2
Washington	3/8/44	2
Washington	3/8/44	3
Washington	4/2/45	8
Washington	5/10/44	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The following amount was transferred to General Revenue from receipts under Chapter 18296 for the month of April, 1945:



TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund ..... \$45,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 10, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol, pursuant to call for special meeting.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Trustees having on May 8th asked the Attorney General to give an opinion as to the date rental becomes due under the terms of Lease No. 338 dated October 13, 1943, in favor of Humble Oil and Refining Company, which opinion was to be predicated upon written request from Honorable Doyle E. Carlton, Attorney for Humble Oil and Refining Company, the following letters were presented and read to the Trustees:

"Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 9, 1945.

"Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund  
The State Board of Education, and  
Honorable J. Tom Watson, Attorney General  
Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Humble Oil and Refining Company on September 7, 1944, under its lease No. 338 covering what

is commonly known as Dade County land, drilled its well to a depth of six thousand (6000) feet. In March 1945 the Company completed this well to a depth in excess of eleven thousand (11,000) feet and abandoned it as a dry hole.

The lessee Company requests the lessor to advise the date when the rental is due. That is to say, whether sixty (60) days after the well was abandoned, or whether on September 7, 1945, one year after the well reached a depth of six thousand (6000) feet.

It is our opinion that the lease became a commercial lease on September 7, 1944, and the rental payment is due September 7, 1945. If you approve this construction we would appreciate official action by the boards recognizing this construction, and respectfully suggest the passing of a motion in substantially the following form:

'To avoid confusion between Sections 6 and 10 of Lease No. 338, commonly known as Lease of Dade County lands from the Internal Improvement Fund to Humble Oil and Refining Company, it is moved and carried that when the well which was drilled on the leased lands reached a depth of 6000 feet, the lease became a commercial lease and rent became due and payable, in lieu of production, drilling or reworking operations, one year thereafter, to-wit: September 7, 1945; that Section 10, which relates to dry holes had no application to this first well that was drilled, as this well was drilled as a part of the consideration for the lease; therefore no rentals are payable in lieu of drilling until September 7, 1945, this being the intention of the parties and the proper construction of the lease.'

Respectfully submitted

Humble Oil & Refining Company

By Doyle E. Carlton  
Attorney."

DEC:d

and,

"May 9, 1945.

"Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund  
C A P I T O L  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Replying to the letter from Honorable Doyle E. Carlton, attorney for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, dated May 9, 1945, concerning Lease No. 338 between the Humble Oil and Refining Company and your body, said lease dated October 13, 1943, in which letter it is stated that that company drilled this well to a depth of 6,000 feet on September 7, 1944, but abandoned same on March 1945, when the well had been drilled to a depth in excess of 11,000 feet. Under these facts the Company requests to be advised the date when its rental is due in lieu of commencing operations for drilling on the leased premises.

It is my opinion the rental payment is due on or before September 7, 1945.

I suggest the following motion for your use in connection with this:

It appearing that the Humble Oil and Refining Company on September 7, 1944, under its lease No. 338, drilled its well to a depth of six thousand (6000) feet but abandoned this well on March 7, 1945, after drilling same to a depth in excess of eleven thousand (11,000) feet, when the well which was drilled on the leased lands reached the depth of six thousand (6000) feet the lease became a commercial lease and rental became due and payable in lieu of drilling and reworking operations on or before one year thereafter; to-wit, on or before September 7, 1945.

Very truly yours,

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General.

By: Sumter Leitner  
Assistant Attorney General."

SL:lh.

Upon consideration of the two letters, motion was made by Mr. Larson as follows:

It appearing that the Humble Oil and Refining Company on September 7, 1944, under its Lease No. 338, drilled its well to a depth of six thousand (6000) feet but abandoned this well on March 7, 1945, after drilling same to a depth in excess of eleven thousand (11,000) feet, when the well which was drilled on the leased lands reached the depth of six thousand (6000) feet the lease became a commercial lease and rental became due and payable in lieu of drilling and reworking operations on or before one year thereafter; to-wit, on or before September 7, 1945.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote duly adopted.

Mr. Doyle E. Carlton was present and requested that check in amount of \$8,442.74 which was transmitted to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by letter dated April 30, 1945, as rental payment in the event it was construed that payment was due at an earlier date, be returned to Humble Oil and Refining Company in view of the foregoing action.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that check No. 33299 from Humble Oil and Refining Company, drawn on First National Bank in Houston, Houston, Texas, dated April 30, 1945, in amount of \$8,442.74, tendered in payment of any rental due on Lease No. 338, pending construction of the lease, be returned to said company. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 15, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
 J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
 Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 20th, 1945, three parcels of land were advertised, subject to objections only, on application from Thos. H. Horobin, on behalf of clients, with offers of \$1000.00 an acre. The following Notices were published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, in the issues of April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and May 5th, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 4th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., May 15th, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA LYING  
 BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS D. FELIX PROP-  
 erty AND THE INTRACOASTAL WATER-  
 WAY.

Commencing at the center of Section 18, Township 53 South, Range 42 East; thence North along the center line of said Section 18 a distance of 1438.2 feet to its intersection with the south line of SOUTH ELMIRA produced west, the said SOUTH ELMIRA being recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 151, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence with a deflection angle to the right of  $90^{\circ} 22' 00''$  run East along the South line of South Elmira 647.0 feet; thence with a deflection angle to the right of  $3^{\circ} 36' 00''$  run 597.0 feet to a point on the West shore of Biscayne Bay, said point being the Southeast corner of SOUTH ELMIRA and the Point of Beginning of the following described tract; thence from the above established Point

of Beginning run Northeasterly along the West shore of Biscayne Bay 195.0 feet more or less to the Northeast corner of Block 4, SOUTH ELMIRA; thence East along a production of the North line of said Block 4, SOUTH ELMIRA 2440.0 feet more or less to a point 250.0 feet distant from the center of the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway; thence in a Southwesterly direction 250 feet distant from and parallel to the center of the said Intracoastal Waterway 190 feet more or less to the intersection with a line running parallel to the North line of N. E. 64th Street and passing through the Southeast Corner of Block 4, SOUTH ELMIRA; thence West along the last described line 2,400.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 9.8 acres more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

AND

#### NOTICE

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA LYING BETWEEN THE M. JAY FLIPSE PROPERTY AND THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY.

Commencing at the center of Section 18, Twp. 53 South, Rge. 42 East; thence North along the center line of said Section 18 a distance of

1701.6 feet to its intersection with the South line of ELMIRA produced west, the said ELMIRA being recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 162, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence with a deflection angle to the right of  $90^{\circ} 22' 00''$  run 1,405.6 feet to a point on the west shore of Biscayne Bay, said point being the Southeast corner of ELMIRA and the Point of Beginning of the following described tract; thence from the above established point of beginning run in a Northeasterly direction following the meanders of the West shore of Biscayne Bay 215.0 feet more or less to the Northeast corner of ELMIRA; thence Easterly along a production of the North line of ELMIRA 2,325.0 feet more or less to a point 250.0 feet distance from the center of the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway; thence in a Southwesterly direction, 250.0 feet distance from and parallel to the center line of the said Intracoastal Waterway, 350.0 feet more or less to the intersection with the Easterly production of the South line of Block 1, SOUTH ELMIRA, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 151, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence Westerly along said production of the South line of SOUTH ELMIRA 2,440.0 feet more or less to the West shore of Biscayne Bay, said point being the Southeast corner of Block 1, SOUTH ELMIRA; thence in a Northeasterly direction along the meanders of the West shore of Biscayne Bay 140.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 18.5 acres, more or less.

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BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

AND

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 4th, 1945

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Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, said point being distant 863.68 feet South from the NE corner of said Section 3; thence North  $1^{\circ} 41' 45''$  West along said East line 306.31 feet; thence to the left with a curve having a radius of 150.0 feet with its center located on said East line, and a delta of  $35^{\circ} 00' 00''$ ; thence South  $53^{\circ} 18' 15''$  West along a tangent to said curve 390.0 feet; thence to the right along a curve having a radius of 521.81 feet and a delta of  $35^{\circ} 13' 45''$ ; thence North  $88^{\circ} 32' 00''$  East along a tangent to the aforementioned curve 500.0 feet; thence North  $74^{\circ} 10' 41''$  East 209.78 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.6 acres more or less.

Beginning at a point on the West line of Fractional Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, said Point being distant 863.68 feet South from the NW corner of said Fractional Section 2; thence North  $74^{\circ} 10' 41''$  East 1,255.17 feet; thence South  $88^{\circ} 18' 15''$  West 1,217.21 feet more or less to the said West line of Fractional Section 2; thence South  $1^{\circ} 41' 45''$  East along said West line 306.31 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.28 acres, more or less.

Contents of the above two tracts is 6.88 acres, more or less.

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The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.



BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon reading of the notices, no objections were filed or presented, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees accept the price of \$1000.00 an acre from clients of Mr. Horobin—Douglas B. Felix, M. Jay Flipse and Milton Steinhardt—for the respective parcels described. Motion was seconded by Governor Caldwell and upon vote adopted. Mr. Watson voted "No" solely on account of the character of the land.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees April 3rd, on application of W. A. Shands with offer of \$5.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Ocala Banner in the issues of April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and May 7th, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 5th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 15th, 1945, the following described lands in MARION COUNTY:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 6, Township 12 South,  
Range 24 East, containing 80 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon call for bids, the only offer submitted was \$5.00 an acre from Senator Shands.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$5.00 an acre from Senator Shands for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to take action at this time on request from J. T. Hancock for five-year lease, with rental of \$1.00 an acre annually, covering land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, under lease to Reecy Davis till September 25, 1946; that Mr. Hancock be requested to submit his offer at a later date, nearer the expiration date of the present lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees postpone action on application from V. L. Barothy for purchase of Wilson Key, located on the Overseas Highway, Monroe County, with offer of \$1,000. Upon vote the motion was adopted and action deferred.

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Request from Mr. W. S. Middleton was again submitted for action on application from the City of Pomona, Putnam County, to purchase certain land around Lake Broward at a price of \$50.00.

Mr. Elliot reported that Chapter 21784, Acts of 1943, authorized the Trustees to convey the land to the Town of Pomona upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon; also provided for a survey to be made to ascertain the configuration and area of the lake, without cost to the Trustees; that the survey has been made, a plat prepared, approved by the Trustees and filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture, and an appraisal made by Mr. Bayless placing the value of the property at \$10.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees convey the 300 acres, more or less, around Lake Broward to the Town of Pomona, upon payment of \$10.00 an acre; that agreement be entered into providing for transfer of title to adjoining

upland owners as their rights appear, in accordance with list of such owners as furnished the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Watson presented the subject of Wilson Cypress Company's suits and briefly reviewed the history of the case for Governor Caldwell.

The Trustees having referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Mayo the matter of fee to be paid Mickler and Mickler, attorneys employed to assist in prosecution of the suits, Mr. Watson reported that original agreement with Mickler and Mickler was that their fee would be on a contingency basis of ten per cent (10%) of the recovery to the State, but since that agreement timber on a portion of the property has been sold for a price of \$100,000.00 and Mickler and Mickler feel that recovery was reduced by such sale; that he and Mr. Mayo agreed there was some merit in the contention and felt a fee of \$5,000.00 would be fair; that the Trustees had paid \$500.00 to Mickler and Mickler, which amount would be deducted from the total fee of \$5,000.00, leaving a balance due of \$4,500.00.

Recommendation of the Committee was that the Trustees approve allowance to Mickler and Mickler, attorneys, of \$5,000.00 in payment for all services already performed and those to be performed in connection with Wilson Cypress Company suits, the Attorney General to pay all expenses of said attorneys out of his office funds; that warrant for \$1,000.00 be issued now and remainder to be paid at intervals as the suits progress.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the recommendation of the Committee be approved as the action of the Trustees, the Trustees approving a fee of \$5,000.00 to Mickler and Mickler, (\$500.00 having already been paid on such fee) for all services rendered and to be rendered in litigation between Wilson Cypress Company and the Trustees; the sum of \$2,000.00 to be retained until all litigation has been concluded. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Action was deferred on application from Clifford A. Payne for purchase of Fractions Sections 19 and 20, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County,

pending establishment of ownership to the land. It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from Telfair Stockton & Company for purchase of

Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 29 East,  
and Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 30 East,  
Duval County.

Offer of \$2.00 an acre was made for the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of \$2.00 an acre be declined and that counter proposal be submitted to advertise the two sections for competitive bidding if applicant will agree to bid not less than \$3.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Florida Power and Light Company that the Trustees allow credit on their recent purchase in Palm Beach County of an amount equal to 0.57 of an acre, which area was lost to them through maintenance works of Florida Inland Navigation District.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline allowance equal to the value of 0.57 of an acre, but agree to allowance of one-half of the amount requested, or \$285.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees postponed action on application from L. D. McGiboney and directed that appraisal be made of the land owned by the State located within the Everglades Drainage District in Highlands County.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Erle B. Askew, on behalf of client C. Frank Harrison and Associates, in which he stated that they were unable to work out any agreement with Mr. John Bull and his clients, R. H. Sumner, Jr., and Charles Addison, in connection with Pinellas County land, as suggested by the Trustees at the meeting April 24, 1945; that they had indefeasible title to the land and would stand on their rights. He stated, however, that their proposal was still open to set aside the tax deed provided the Trustees would con-



vey the 18-acre tract mentioned when they appeared before the Trustees on April 24th.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to accept proposal submitted by Mr. Askew, on behalf of his clients. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. W. Gregory Smith of Jacksonville, and Mr. Lawrence Truitt of Tallahassee, Florida, representing North Shore Corporation, were present with reference to approval of survey recently made of unsurveyed portions of Township 1 South, Range 28 East, lying north of the St. Johns River, Duval County, Florida.

Letter was presented from Attorney General J. Tom Watson in which he advised that the survey had been completed by the North Shore Corporation, at its expense, and that it has been submitted to the Chief Drainage Engineer for approval, together with field notes and plats; that the Chief Drainage Engineer has approved the same and filed a plat of the survey and field notes thereof in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture; that he has examined the disclaimer given by North Shore Corporation to protect the State's interest in the sovereignty bottom lands in the area, and finds the same satisfactory. Mr. Watson recommended that the Trustees grant the request of North Shore Corporation.

Mr. Elliot reported that in pursuance of action taken by the Trustees July 26, 1944, the survey authorized to be made has been completed embracing the unsurveyed portion of Township 1 South, Range 28 East, north of the St. Johns River; that he has examined the plat and field notes of the survey and finds them to be correct, and recommends that they be ordered filed as a State Survey to become a part of the records in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture as provided under Section 253.39, Florida Statutes, 1941, et seq.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly carried, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees at their meeting of May 10th, 1944, considered the request of the North Shore

Corporation for a State Survey of the unsurveyed portions of Township 1 South, Range 28 East, lying north of the St. Johns River, and authorized same subject to the approval of the Attorney General as to their authority so to do; and

WHEREAS, later on, July 26th, 1944, the Attorney General suggested that a Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees be designated, the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees having the sole power of approving and rendering valid a survey, and that upon completion of a survey by the North Shore Corporation, at its expense, the results of same, together with all field notes, plats, etc., be submitted to the Chief Drainage Engineer for determination as to whether or not such survey will be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees appointed Fred C. Elliot as Chief Drainage Engineer by resolution dated June 27th, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliot has now reported to the Trustees that said survey has been made, that he has approved the same and that he has filed a plat of the survey and the field notes thereof in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, all being done in accordance with Section 253.39, Florida Statutes, 1941, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has now reported that he also has examined said survey and finds that it has been made in accordance with law, and further, that to protect the State's interest in the sovereignty bottom lands in the area, the North Shore Corporation has executed a disclaimer thereto, and that the actions of Mr. Elliot in the premises should be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the actions and reports of the Attorney General and of the Chief Drainage Engineer in the premises be, and they are, hereby approved and confirmed, and the said survey, entitled, "Township 1 South, Range 28 East, State of Florida, Unsurveyed Portion North of the St. Johns River, Surveyed from September 1944 to February 1945," as heretofore approved and filed by the Chief Drainage Engineer in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, be and the same is hereby

approved and adopted as a State Survey of the hitherto unsurveyed lands shown thereon.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 15th day of May, A. D. 1945.

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Mr. Wells informed the Board that a bill had been introduced in the Legislature—House Bill No. 67—providing for striking from Deed No. 18259-A, dated December 7, 1935, in favor of Harvey W. Seeds Post No. 29, American Legion, the reverter clause; that Representative Oelkers of Dade County had discussed the matter with him and stated that the Post would be willing to take a deed from the Trustees with a clause providing for payment to the Trustees of \$1000.00 an acre should the land ever be used for other than the American Legion Post.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by the Governor, that the proposal from Harvey W. Seeds Post No. 29 to pay \$1,000.00 an acre be accepted for the land in question in the event it should ever be used for any other purpose. Upon vote the motion was adopted. Mr. Watson stated he was voting "No" solely on account of the character of the land.

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Application was presented from H. H. McCall of LaBelle, Florida, with offer of \$1500.00 for

Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 33 East,  
Hendry County,

and in the event the Trustees do not care to sell the land, Mr. McCall offered \$10.00 per thousand for timber on said section.

Information was furnished that the section is now under Grazing Lease No. 305 to E. C. Mills.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer and request appraisal on the timber. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offers of \$1000.00 an acre were presented from Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of clients, for submerged areas in Dade County adjoining upland property of applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees advertise for objections only the following areas:

1. 0.73 of an acre of submerged land between Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1, Hibiscus Place, on Biscayne Bay, Township 54 South, Range 42 East;
2. 26.8 acres of submerged land in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, adjoining 79th Street Causeway;
3. 23.52 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, being an extension of the properties of Henry L. Doherty & Co., Inc., and Thomas H. Horobin,

based on offers of \$1000.00 an acre from Mr. Horobin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented three applications to purchase land in Broward County, title to which vested in the Trustees through Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates, said land being described as:

Tract 13, less S 50 feet, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Newman's Survey, containing 18.54 acres—Certificate No. 1366 of 1929.

The following offers were submitted:

Parker and Foster .....	\$50.00 an acre
L. S. Remsberg .....	40.00 an acre
R. W. Wilkinson .....	32.42 an acre

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the suggestion of the Secretary be carried out and the land advertised for competitive bidding, with all parties being notified of date when sale will be held. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for Levy County land, title to which vested under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

Offer of \$3.00 an acre from H. B. Goodson for E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 17 East;



Offer of \$1.00 an acre from J. D. Markham for 660 acres in Sections 1 and 12, Township 14 South, Range 18 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County,  
West Palm Beach, Florida

Payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes for the year 1944 as follows:

Taxes on Sections 14, 22, 26, 28, 34 and 36 .....	\$385.92	
Plus interest .....	11.58	\$397.50

A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Florida .....	2,000.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee .....	15.00
	<u>\$2,412.50</u>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Escambia	4/30/45	5
Hillsborough	4/9/45	80
Hillsborough	4/23/45	91
Okeechobee	4/16/45	2
Polk	3/30/45	75
Sumter	4/23/45	9
Volusia	4/2/45	132

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds

corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the United States, Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, that certain Murphy Act lands be made a part of lease heretofore granted, involving about 1900 acres of fee simple land on Sanibel Island, Lee County. The Murphy Act land requested is described as

All of Government Lot 1, Section 10, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, containing 2.29 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees lease, without consideration, the land described in favor of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was submitted from the United States for lease covering the following described land:

Tracts 11 and 22 in Government Lots 2, 3 and 4, Sections 16 and 17, Township 33 South, Range 40 East, containing 95 acres in Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States covering the lands described for the period of the war and six months thereafter, if desired. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from the City of Tampa for deed under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, conveying

Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 16, Map of McFarlane's Revised Addition to West Tampa.

Offer of \$5.00 was made for deed and certificate of former ownership was filed with the Trustees, however, information was furnished that prior to request from the City, application had been filed with the Clerk for these parcels, the land advertised and sale held;

that Sol Adelson was high bidder at sale January 22, 1945, with offer of \$250.00.

Upon consideration of all facts in the case, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request from the City of Tampa be denied and that sale be consummated in favor of Sol Adelson at a price of \$250.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from T. E. Blackburn, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Hardee County, asking that the Trustees convey to the Board of Public Instruction the following land for school purposes:

Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 30, Bowling Green.

Statement was made that the property was deeded to the School Board some years ago, but the outstanding certificates were not cleared up at the time. Assessed value of the property in 1932 was \$100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees convey the three lots under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of \$5.00, for public school purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pinellas County case was submitted, having reference to sale held July 7, 1944, Report No. 43, covering Unplatted Blocks 209 and 210, Revised Plat of Oldsmar, bid in by Ellen Fulton at a price of \$120.00. Following the sale petition was filed signed by a number of negroes, representing that they were purchasing the property under contract from former owner. The former owner having died, they had been unable to get deeds.

Upon recommendation from the Clerk of the Court that the property be readvertised and all parties allowed to bid, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the recommendation be approved and new advertisement and sale had, and that all parties be notified of date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County that the following lots be conveyed to the School Board for school purposes:

Lots 1 to 12, inclusive; Lots 15, 16 and 19, Block 1, Garden City, being part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 26 East, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees convey the lots to Duval County School Board under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$25.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from W. E. Thompson of Tampa, Florida, for issuance of deed to replace original Deed No. 419 issued to W. D. Bush December 9, 1940, conveying 56.50 acres in S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 27 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County.

The Attorney General's office having approved the form of deed, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request be granted and deed executed upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. O. E. Hobbs was before the Trustees with reference to land described as,

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 3 South, Range 16 West, Bay County,

on which Murphy Act certificates were issued.

Mr. Hobbs explained that he has been paying taxes on the land but found that it came to the State under the Murphy Act and was being advertised for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to instruct the Clerk of the Court to withhold the land from sale pending investigation and further information to be furnished. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Hobbs agreed to furnish the Trustees with further information and facts on the subject.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.



Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 22, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

- J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells.

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Letter was presented from Charles Williams offering \$700.00 for Lot 7, Block 15, Plat of Sarasota, title to which lot came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Mr. Williams desires to pay \$350.00 cash and give mortgage and notes for the balance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$700.00 cash for the lot and decline to sell on deferred payment plan. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Watson requesting that he be furnished with photostatic copies of certain leases and contracts referred to him for examination and report in order that he might have full information on the subject, such copies to be a part of the records of his office.

Without objection the request was referred to the Land Department with directions to furnish Mr. Watson with the copies desired. It was so ordered.

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Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre annually was presented from J. B. Hendry, Jr., for five year grazing lease on an area on Lake Hicpochee. The tract is described as,

Starting on the west side of the lake, on Caloosahatchee Canal, in Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, comprising approximately 800 acres in Glades County, and covers the entire area from the Old Government Meander Line to the Waters of Lake Hicpochee to the

South Bank of the Nine Mile Canal on the eastern meander line of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Hendry on the land described, at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from C. A. Peters, on behalf of Hugh and James S. Peters, for purchase of a small key in Card Sound, described as:

All that island known as East Arsnicker Key located in Section 24, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, comprising approximately 10 acres in Dade County.

Offer of \$350.00 was made for the island with the explanation that only half of the parcel was out of water at high tide. It is desired as a fishing camp site.

Without objection, action on the application was deferred pending the full membership of the Board being present.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that offers of \$3.00 and \$2.00 an acre from Dennis Small, LaBelle, Florida, be declined for land in Hendry County described as:

All Sections 8, 9, 10, at \$3.00 an acre, and all Sections 13, 24, 25, 26 and 36, at \$2.00 an acre, all in Township 44 South, Range 33 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Action was deferred on application from Earl M. Rader, Miami, Florida, with offer of \$1,000.00 for bay bottom land in

Section 8, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 2 acres in Dade County.

The Trustees requested that Mr. Bayless be asked to ascertain the value of the parcel and report back to the Board. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action be deferred, pending appraisal of

land applied for by N. M. Johnson, Stuart, Florida, with offer of \$5.00 an acre. The land is described as,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  (less R.R. R/W),  
Section 9;

All Section 10;

N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
(less R.R. R/W);

Section 15, all in Township 39 South, Range  
37 East, Martin County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented for payment by the Trustees of \$473.86, being amount necessary to redeem from tax certificates of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District the following described land recently sold to clients of Driggers and Remsberg:

All that part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South of Canal  
in Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 40 East,  
Broward County.

The amount represents the actual taxes, without interest, for the years 1937 to 1944, inclusive.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize payment of drainage taxes as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from Senator Warren Sanchez, on behalf of client, for purchase of the following described land:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 5, Township 1 South, Range  
13 East, containing 200 acres in Suwannee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding, based on offer of \$5.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the United States for easement on areas in the St. Johns River, Duval County, designated as:

S/A Parcel No. St. J.R. 1945-22-A—Part of an unnamed island and adjacent submerged areas.

S/A Parcel No. St. J.R. 1945-19-A—Part of Quarantine Island and adjacent submerged areas.

S/A Parcel No. St. J.R. 1945-14-A—Parts of Alligator Island, Vicks Island, Long Island and LeBarons Island and adjacent submerged areas.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement requested by the United States covering the areas described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$20.00 was presented from Thad Whidden, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Woods, for deed to Lot 21, Mackey's Addition to Pahokee, title to which vested in the Trustees under Everglades Drainage District tax certificate. Information was furnished that the lot is assessed on the 1944 roll at \$450.00 and has delinquent Pahokee Drainage District and Palm Beach County taxes outstanding.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees defer action on this request and that the Secretary secure information as to the amount of the delinquent taxes against the lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Action was ordered deferred on application from C. H. Hicks of Punta Gorda, Florida, to purchase

Islands 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 13, in Sections 28 and 29, Township 40 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County.

The Board requested appraisal of the islands and information from Mr. Elliot as to his recommendations.

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Request was presented from Richlands, Inc., for credit of \$4.00 an acre on its rental of Pelican Bay lands, 109 acres of the land under lease having been released for canal right of way and for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow credit as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



The Trustees deferred action pending appraisal on land applied for by E. S. Boyd, described as reclaimed land in Bayou Louise, Siesta Key, Sarasota County. It was so ordered.

Mr. Larson called up for consideration application from Clifford A. Payne for purchase of fractional Sections 19 and 20, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

A recent survey having been made in that vicinity, it was suggested by Mr. Larson that the plat be checked with reference to location of the land applied for, and after adjournment of the Legislature Mr. Payne be asked to present his application in person. The suggestion was approved as the action of the Board and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 5.70
Geo. G. Crawford, C.C.C., Leon County, Tallahassee .....	4.00
Mickler and Mickler, Attorneys at Law, St. Augustine .....	61.77
Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County, Clearwater .....	3.15
Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District .....	473.86
R. P. McLendon, Raiford, Florida .....	74.00
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	57.02
Western Union Telegraph Co., Winter Haven .....	5.45
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,129.95</b>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	3/21/45	3
Charlotte	5/9/45	1
Dade	4/12/45	36
Dade	4/20/45	25
Duval	3/8/45	2
Lake	2/12/45	1
Leon	5/7/45	5
Palm Beach	2/9/45	4
Volusia	4/2/45	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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File was presented from office of Attorney General Watson, having reference to suit instituted to foreclose certain Murphy Act lands in Pasco County, the proceeds of which would be distributed according to provisions of Chapter 21896, Acts of 1943, the said case being captioned,

Dade City, Florida, vs. Certain Lands Upon which Taxes and Special Assessments Are Delinquent, and the State of Florida.

Report from the Attorney General was that statements were made to his office by county officials that amounts reported are the best prices obtainable for the lands involved and request was that the Trustees allow the Court to confirm the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to allow confirmation of the sale of Pasco County land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Without objection, action was deferred on application from the City of Homestead for conveyance of Lot 51, Tatum's Addition No. 1, Dade County, with offer of \$10.00. The Secretary was requested to secure information as to how much of said lot would be required for street purposes. It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from the City of Stuart, Florida, for conveyance of

Lot 60, Yacht Club Beach, being part of Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County.

Certificate of former ownership has been furnished by the City and deed is requested under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize deed as requested by the City of Stuart upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the City of Clermont, Florida, for conveyance of parts of Lots 16, 18 and 20, Block 48, Clermont, which description was erroneously omitted from deed issued to the City in December 1944.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, of the parts of Lake County lots described, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from the City of Punta Gorda for conveyance under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, of 234 acres in Section 20, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County. Certificate was received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court that title to the land was vested in the City under date of January 20, 1934. The land is now used as a Municipal Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize deed under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, conveying the land described, based on certificate and other information filed with the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Moore Haven for deed under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, conveying

Lots 1 and 2, Block 13, Moore Haven—Glades County.

Offer of \$56.25 was tendered for the lots, which represents one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from the City of Moore Haven and authorize deed under Chapter 21684, conveying the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$12.50 was presented from the Town of Miami Springs, Florida, for Lot 19, Block 50, Cinema Park Addition, and conveyance was requested under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$12.50 for the Dade County lot, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and authorize execution of deed under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the United States for "Permission to Use Land," title to which vested in the State under the Murphy Act, for requirements of the Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the instrument, covering

Lots in Orange Views S/D and Oleander S/D  
in Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 28 East,  
Orange County,

designated as Site 430-10, for the period from May 1, 1945, to August 1, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Suwannee County for correction deed in favor of Arthur Thomas, error having appeared in description of original deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Suwan-



nee County Correction Deed No. 526 for the purpose of correcting description in original deed, covering land in Block U, Live Oak, Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, consideration for such deed to be \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 1.64
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee .....	53.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	27.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	4.16
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	76.67
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,252.97</b>

The following amount was transferred to General Revenue from Receipts under Chapter 18296 for the month of May, 1945:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue .....\$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge,  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 29, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

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Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, presented request from Sperti, Inc., that the Trustees allow certain changes made in lease authorized by the Trustees November 28, 1944, for the purpose of gathering seaweed from which to take agar agar covering that section of the Indian River from St. Lucie Inlet north to Fort Pierce Inlet. The changes requested were explained to the Trustees and memorandum of recommendations as to such requests.

Upon consideration of the request for changes and the recommendations from the Attorney General's office, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, that the subject be referred to Mr. Warren and Mr. Elliot for joint recommendation to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was also suggested that Mr. Baldwin, Land Appraiser, be requested to make report as to construction of the plant to be constructed under the terms of the lease.

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Letter was presented from Dr. Raymond Bellamy, Secretary-Treasurer, Florida Academy of Sciences, requesting that the Trustees make available to the Academy an amount of from \$1500.00 to \$1800.00 annually.

Upon considering the request, the Trustees were of the opinion that they had no authority to allocate funds of the Trustees for the purpose requested, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to deny the request. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Dade	4/20/45	1
Duval	3/22/45	185
Hillsborough	4/23/45	1
Leon	5/21/45	2
Martin	12/18/44	1
Osceola	3/12/45	1
Pinellas	7/11/44	7
Pinellas	8/15/44	8
Walton	3/19/45	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Applications were presented from the City of St. Petersburg for conveyance of approximately 122 lots in the Subdivision of "North St. Petersburg," and 183 lots in the Subdivision of "Toy Town." The lots are desired for public park and reforestation purposes and the City offers \$1.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots described under the provisions of Chapter 21684, upon payment of \$1.00 per lot; the deed to recite that the land is to be used for public park and reforestation purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson giving an opinion that he could see no objection to releasing reservation for right of way requested by F. C. Graves in deed to Indian River County land.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had recommended release of the reservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Indian River County Quit Claim Deed No. 183 to Forrest C. Graves and Lenore Graves, for the purpose of releasing from original deed the reservation for state roads. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, the Trustees deferred action pending report from the Appraiser, on request from the City of Titusville for conveyance of 457 lots within the city limits at a price of \$457.00, except in a few instances higher offers were made. It was so ordered.

Request was presented from Colonel E. P. Gaines for release of State road right of way and also oil and mineral reservation retained in Murphy Act Deeds No. 3746 and 3768, dated January 19, 1945, conveying title to 27 lots in Beach Park S/D, Hillsborough County.

Recommendation has been received from the State Road Department that the State road right of way be released; also letter from the Clerk of the Court states that his best information is that there is not ten acres in either tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Hillsborough County Quit Claim Deeds Nos. 3746 and 3768, upon payment of \$5.00, releasing State road right of way reserved in original deeds, but no release of oil and mineral reservations be given as the reservation did not apply where the area was less than ten acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from Mr. James H. Millican, Jr., Palatka, Florida, that the Trustees take some action to clear status of Putnam County land on which he redeemed taxes in 1934 and 1936 and also paid taxes since that time through 1944. Mr. Millican stated that it was his intention to redeem all taxes in 1934 and 1936, but two old certificates—1894 and 1896—were overlooked. The land in question is described as "Part of John Huertas Grant, Book 24, Page 320, Section 48, Township 9 South, Range 27 East."

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the question be referred to the Comptroller for recommendation as to whether or not the Trustees should disclaim interest



in the certificates under the Murphy Act and allow redemption of the two old certificates. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of St. Augustine for conveyance of the following lots for public park purposes:

Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, Block E, Wildwood Park S/D.

No offer was made for the lots, which had an assessed value in 1932 of \$225.00. Land located in St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$56.25; the deed to carry the reservation for public park purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the City of Jacksonville for conveyance of Lot 4, Parkers S/D of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 27 East, Duval County, desired for enlarging the City's dumping ground.

Information was furnished that the 1932 assessed value of the lot was \$100.00. Motion was made and seconded that conveyance be authorized under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$25.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from the Attorney General with reference to sufficiency of description on Franklin County Murphy Act certificate, the opinion being that description was sufficient to identify the property and that property described passed to the State pursuant to the Murphy Act.

Mr. Mayo stated that he had formerly owned the land described in the opinion and had attempted to pay taxes thereon, but owing to the wrong block number having been entered on the tax roll the taxes were not paid; that the United States had later come in and condemned the land and fixed appraisal on the two lots—559 and 560, covered by Certificates Part 134 and

134½ of 1934—at \$275.00, and he recommended that the appraisal be accepted as it was considerably higher than the Government allowed on his private property down there.

Mr. Mayo also asked that he be allowed to redeem another parcel in Franklin County, being described on Certificate No. 99 of 1934 as Blk. 40, N½ of Block 238; that there being no such block as 238, the Clerk did not figure in Certificate No. 99 when other certificates were being redeemed.

Memorandum from the Comptroller's office was read on the question, whereupon, it was ordered that the Trustees disclaim interest in Cert. No. 99 of 1934 and recommend to the Comptroller that Mr. Mayo be allowed to redeem said certificate upon payment of all taxes which have not been paid on the property. It was so ordered.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 5, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Mr. Wells informed the Board that Sarasota County land had been advertised for sale today and several parties were present to bid; that the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald in the issues of May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and June 1st, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 27th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections and highest bids, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 5th, 1945, the following described lands in SARA-SOTA COUNTY:

Begin at the meander post of the SE corner of Government Lot 4, Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 19 East; thence East 290 feet to Roberts Bay; thence Northeasterly along Roberts Bay to a point due East from the Northeast corner of Lot or Block G of Schutts Subdivision; thence West, 916 feet (along a line 700 feet North from the South line) to the Northeast corner of Lot G of Schutts Subdivision; thence Southerly along the East line of Lots G, F, E, D, C, B and A of Schutts Subdivision, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book No. 1, Page 8, Records of Sarasota County, to point of beginning, being in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, and containing 11 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land was called out and bids invited.

Senator Harrison Barringer and Lt. Ballard, representing Colonel V. B. Dixon, having submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre with the application, bidding commenced at that figure and closed with a bid of \$2400.00 from Colonel Dixon. Merritt I. Wheeler of Sarasota mailed in bids, the highest of which was \$1400.00.

Mr. Wells presented objections to the sale from the following parties on the ground that the land is adjacent to their upland property:

Frank A. Curry of Nokomis, Florida;

John F. Burket of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of clients: John A. Kroh, Florence Owen Haensel and James H. Cassell; and H. W. Wimmers of Venice, Florida.

Lt. Ballard agreed that if the Trustees felt there was any equity in the claims of parties protesting, his client would relinquish the mangrove swamp area, as shown by the plat, and pay \$2400.00 for the remainder of the land advertised.

Without objection, action on the bids and protest was postponed pending report from the Attorney General as to protests filed to the sale and the Trustees' rights in the premises. It was so ordered.

The Trustees authorized advertisement of a small island in the Anclote River, upon application of Archie Clement, on behalf of Oscar Hill, with offer of \$151.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Dade City Banner in the issues of May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and June 1st, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 27th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 5th, 1945, the following described lands in PASCO COUNTY:

Commencing at a concrete monument on Township line between Township 26 South, and Township 27 South, said monument being 2781.1 feet West of Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East; run North 70 deg. 52 min. West 4435.5 feet to island for point of beginning; thence North 28 deg. 12 min. West 100 feet; thence North 52 deg. 24 min. West 150 feet; thence North 87 deg. 22 min. West 200 feet; thence South 30 deg. 19 min. West 165 feet; thence South 13 deg. 50 min. East



175 feet; thence South 73 deg. 41 min. East 160 feet; thence North 75 deg. 34 min. East 145 feet; thence North 40 deg. 29 min. East 174.6 feet to point of beginning; containing 2.64 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Description of the land was called out for bids and Mr. Clement, for his client, and Mr. Velma Keen, on behalf of L. F. Fernald, entered into competitive bidding, resulting in the highest offer of \$250.00 an acre being submitted by Mr. Keen.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the offer of \$250.00 an acre from L. F. Fernald be accepted for the island in Anclote River. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale confirmed. Mr. Watson voted "No" for the reason that it has not been established that this type of land is subject to sale by the Trustees.

Upon application from J. T. Hancock of Everglades, Florida, with offer of \$32.50 an acre, land in Okeechobee County was ordered advertised for competitive bidding and the following Notice was published in the Okeechobee News May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and June 1st, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 27, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 5, 1945, the following described lands in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY:

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, containing 80 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells informed the Board that a portion of the land advertised had already been sold and that twenty (20) acres of the remainder was under lease to Reecy Davis who also has the option of purchasing the land at the highest price bid, provided the Trustees care to sell at that price.

Bids were called for on the twenty-acre tract under lease to Reecy Davis, being the

$SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, 20 acres,

and bids were made by J. T. Hancock for himself, and by T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Reecy Davis, resulting in a final bid of \$75.00 an acre being made by Mr. Hancock. Mr. Conely agreed to make the same bid on behalf of Reecy Davis.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$75.00 an acre from Reecy Davis for the 20 acres now under Lease No. 214. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. Mr. Watson voted "No."

Also bids were invited on

The  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East—10 acres.

Mr. Hancock and Mr. Conely submitted bids on the parcel with the high bid of \$41.00 an acre being made by Mr. Conely on behalf of Reecy Davis.

Action on the bid was postponed until the afternoon session.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment at the morning meeting with the Governor, Treasurer, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture present.

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Mr. Mayo reported that during the lunch hour Mr. Conely had submitted a bid of \$45.00 an acre on behalf of Reecy Davis for the ten-acre tract, action on which was deferred at adjournment time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that sale be postponed until the next meeting in order that he might familiarize himself with the proceedings. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells presented application from Mr. J. T. Hancock, with offer of \$50.00 an acre for

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
South of Hancock Meander Line, Section 32,  
Township 37 South, Range 55 East, Okeechobee  
County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Hancock, and in the meantime get appraisal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Based on application from Julius F. Parker of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of client Guillermo Cabrera, with offer of \$7.50 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post April 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th and 18th, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida

will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 5th, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Township 47 South, Range 37 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Trustees I. I. Fund.  
Colin English, Secretary  
State Board of Education.

Upon call for bids, the only offer submitted was \$7.50 an acre from client of Mr. Parker.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of \$7.50 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of ten cents (10¢) an acre for five-year grazing lease on all State land west of Arbuckle Creek in Sections 10 and 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from L. F. Fernald of Tarpon Springs, Florida, with offer of \$150 an acre for two islands in the Anclote River, located in

Section 33, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, containing approximately 2.96 acres in Pasco County.



Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$150 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the islands for competitive bidding provided Mr. Fernald would agree to bid not less than \$250.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of \$2.00 an acre from E. B. Smoak for

Government Lots 2 and 3, E $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County,

the land having been appraised at a higher value. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

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Application was presented from William A. O'Bryan, on behalf of clients, offering \$5.00 an acre for the following described sovereignty land in Indian River County:

Approximately 117.41 acres in Section 27;  
 Approximately 49.15 acres in Section 35;  
 Approximately 2.22 acres in Section 23;  
 All in Township 31 South, Range 39 East, also known as Tracts 106, 107 and 108.

Without objection the application was ordered held pending appraisal of the parcels.

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Application was presented from Johnny Myers for sovereignty land in Dade County adjoining his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only provided applicant will agree to bid \$1000.00 an acre on date of sale, plus advertising costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$5.00 an acre from L. S. Remsberg for

260 acres of land in Section 20, Township 49 South, Range 41 East, Broward County,

this land having been appraised at a higher value. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$6.00 an acre was presented from L. D. McGiboney for all land owned by the State in

Sections 3, 10, 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County, located within Everglades Drainage District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$6.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the lands for competitive bidding provided applicant agrees to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land:

M. S. Hayes of Gainesville, Florida—Offer of \$3.50 an acre for Sections 1 and 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County;

C. E. Brown of Key West, Florida—Offer of \$5.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 32, Township 62 South, Range 38 East, containing 60.69 acres in Monroe County, and \$1.00 per acre for numerous other small lots in Monroe County;

the appraised value in both cases being in excess of the offers made. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Action was deferred on application from Shell Oil Company for lease of the reserved oil rights in land sold to C. W. Parker. It was so ordered.

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Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, the Trustees agreed to advertise for bids tidal lands in Biscayne Bay, adjoining property owned by client of Mr. Julius F. Parker—Bjarne Usina—provided Mr. Usina will agree to bid not less than \$1000.00 an acre

on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action, pending receipt of appraisal, on land applied for by A. L. Hills of West Palm Beach, Florida, with offer of \$100.00 an acre for

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Trustees declined offer of \$2.50 an acre for the following described land applied for by C. A. Bailey:

All Sections 8, 9, 10, 12, 16; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 17; All Sections 21, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East; also

Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East, containing approximately 1980 acres in Hendry County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Calhoun	4/2/45	9
Hardee	4/2/45	12
Martin	2/19/45	38
Martin	3/12/45	78
Martin	3/26/45	4
Palm Beach	4/3/45	2
Pinellas	4/17/45	4
St. Johns	4/12/45	7
Taylor	4/20/45	1

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Union	5/15/45	1
Walton	11/13/44	5
Walton	12/4/44	5
Walton	4/23/45	1
Walton	4/30/45	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$75.00 was presented from the City of Wauchula for Block 6, Avalon Park Addition to Wauchula, Hardee County, the lot having been used for years by the City as a trailer park.

Statement was made that the offer is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and it was recommended that conveyance be made under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, the Trustees accepted the offer from the City of Wauchula and directed that deed be executed under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Chipley, Washington County, for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, of

Lots 118 and 119; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Washington County.

Certificate of former ownership by the City was furnished by the Clerk with offer of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute deed in favor of the City of Chipley under provisions of Chapter 20424 for the consideration of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.



Request was presented from the City of Palatka that the Trustees convey Putnam County Lot 7, Block 336, Mervin's S/D of Palatka, upon payment of \$50.00.

The offer being equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and requested that the Secretary secure information from Dr. I. N. Kennedy, Director, as to the needs of the department for lands described as,

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16,  
Township 41 South, Range 24 East, Charlotte  
County.

It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from the City of Lake Wales for deed to Lot 8, Block 15, Original Lake Wales, Polk County, which lot has been used for a number of years as the Lake Wales Day Nursery, a non-profit corporation. Offer of \$10.00 was made for the Lot.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Trustees authorized deed to the City of Lake Wales under the provision of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$10.00, the deed to contain a reservation that the land shall be used for purpose of the Lake Wales Day Nursery only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees on May 29th having requested recommendation from the Comptroller as to application from James H. Millican, Jr., for cancellation of Putnam County Murphy Act certificates, letter was presented from the Comptroller's office suggesting that the least the Trustees could do in the case would be to allow redemption of the certificates issued in 1894 and 1896, or that they might come under the provisions of Chapter 20981 of 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees disclaim interest under the Murphy Act in the following certificates:

Cert. No. 268 of 1894) Part of John Huertas Grant  
 Cert. No. 274 of 1896) Book 24, Page 320, Section  
 48, Township 9 South, Rge.  
 27 East, Putnam County,

and recommend that the Comptroller allow redemption of the certificates. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees requested the Attorney General to advise whether there was authority under the provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, to issue deeds to Boards of Public Instruction of the various counties, covering land which came to the State under Chapter 18296. Action was deferred on applications from Lake and Sumter Counties, pending receipt of such opinion. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, reported on Baker County case involving Deed No. 2 dated July 18, 1940, executed in favor of B. J. Padgett of Macclenny, Florida. Explanation was made that through error Lot 9 in Block 28, Town of Macclenny was certified to the Trustees under the Murphy Act; that the lot was a burial ground or cemetery and should not have been assessed for taxes; that the Trustees have attempted to secure quitclaim deed from grantee, B. J. Padgett, to the lot and have failed. It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted and placed of record in Baker County:

**RESOLUTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL  
 IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE  
 STATE OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that Lot 9, Block 28 of the Town of Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, has been used for cemetery purposes for fifty (50) years or more, grave markers being located thereon at this time; and

WHEREAS under the laws of the State of Florida such property is exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS the tax assessors of Baker County inadvertently and erroneously assessed said lot for taxes; and

WHEREAS the tax collector of Baker County, pursuant to the above mentioned erroneous assessment, sold said land for taxes in the years 1929, 1930, 1933 and 1936, and tax certificates numbered 178, 457, 838 and 172 issued thereon, respectively, for the aforementioned years; and

WHEREAS the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County certified to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund said tax certificates as being certificates within the terms of Chapter 18296, 1937 (Murphy Act), which act caused the title to the land embraced in certain certificates to vest in the State of Florida on June 9, 1939; and

WHEREAS in accordance with an application to said Clerk to purchase said lot, the same being believed to be Murphy Act land, the Clerk sold and the State of Florida, by and through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, attempted to convey said lot 9, block 28, by deed known as Baker County No. 2, dated February 24, 1940, to B. J. Padgett, when the title to said lot in law and in fact had not vested in the State of Florida under the aforesaid Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937; and

WHEREAS the State of Florida, by and through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, conveyed no title by its deed; and

WHEREAS the said Trustees wish the public records of Baker County to reflect the facts above recited, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have the same appear of record by recording this resolution in the public records of Baker County.

DONE AND ORDERED this 5th day of June, 1945.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees adopt the resolution and have a copy thereof recorded in the records of Baker County, Florida. Upon vote the motion was carried.

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The Trustees having referred to the Attorney General the request from the City of Miami for certain changes in Deed No. 06-21684 heretofore authorized, conveying Murphy Act land in Dade County for Water Supply purposes, Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, presented recommendations of that office. Mr. Warren explained that the City desired change made in next to the last paragraph of the deed by using the word "public" rather than "domestic" and another change affecting reversion of the land.

Recommendation from the Attorney General's office was that the reverter clause be amended to read as follows:

"PROVIDED, however, that the lands herein described shall be used for public water supply purposes by the City of Miami; and such other purposes as are collateral thereto, and in the event the land should ever be used for any purpose other than public water supply and such other purposes as are collateral thereto, title to said land shall revert to the State of Florida."

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the reverter clause as recommended by the Attorney General's office be embodied in deed to the City of Miami, in lieu of the clause appearing in said deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 26, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Minutes of the Trustees dated March 20, 22, 27, April 3, 5, 11 and 24, 1945, as presented by the Secretary, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from John C. Blocker, on behalf of S. A. Green, with offer of \$375.00 for submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay, described as:

3 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres in Section 34, Township 31 South,  
Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Statement was made that the land lies in Boca Ceiga Bay and all except about twenty (20) feet is under water, said twenty feet being mangrove swamp and adjoining applicant's upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of \$375.00 for the parcel, and that counter proposal be made to accept \$125.00 an acre for the land, subject to advertisement for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from John C. Blocker, on behalf of F. J. Q. Corporation, for purchase of five (5) acres of sovereignty land in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County.

Report from the Land Appraiser values the land at \$150.00 an acre, being of shell formation and the major portion out of the water from six to twelve inches at high tide.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer submitted and make counter proposal to accept \$150.00 an acre, subject to advertisement for objections.

Application was submitted from Telfair Stockton & Company of Jacksonville, Florida, making an offer of \$3.00 an acre for swamp and overflowed land in

Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 29 East;  
Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 30 East; Sections 30 and 31, Township 5 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids the lands applied for by Telfair Stockton & Company, with the understanding that applicant will bid not less than \$3.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was submitted from A. Y. and Robert R. Milam of Jacksonville, Florida, offering \$3.00 an acre for the following described land:

Unsurveyed marsh lands in Sections 26 and 36, Township 5 South, Range 29 East;

In Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 30 East; in Sections 6 and 18, Township 6 South, Range 30 East, containing in all approximately 15 acres in St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the parcels applied for be advertised for competitive bidding, it being understood that applicants will bid not less than \$3.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that at the sale June 5th, Mr. T. W. Conely, on behalf of Reecy Davis, offered \$41.00 an acre for Okeechobee County land described as,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Confirmation of the sale was deferred at that time and Mr. Conely has now offered \$45.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize sale to Mr. Davis of

the land described at \$45.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Julius Parker came before the Trustees and reported that he had filed request for dismissal of suit entitled,

Charles H. Crandon, et al  
Plaintiffs

vs.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor  
of the State of Florida, et al,  
Defendants,

involving areas in Biscayne Bay applied for by Thomas H. Horobin; that he would have to file an answer in the case, and in order to have proper information it would be desirable to have a survey for determining the depth of the water.

Mr. Parker was requested to go to Miami and contact the City and County officials and report back to the Trustees what was necessary to be done and also as to the attitude of the City and County officials.

Information was also furnished that another suit was pending, involving areas in Biscayne Bay applied for by Mr. Horobin, and that it would be necessary to have counsel represent the Trustees in that case.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Julius Parker be employed to represent the Trustees in the second pending suit, and that the Committee appointed by the Governor confer with Mr. Parker as to his fee for handling these suits. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller authorized to draw warrants in payment therefor:

Comptroller, State of Florida .....	\$ 22.16
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	7.50
B. A. Meginniss, Judge, Leon County .....	10.00
Robert P. McLendon, Raiford .....	13.50
S. S. Savage, Ocala .....	42.10

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Winter Haven .....	4.19
John R. Gurtler, Shorthand Reporter, Jacksonville .....	1,663.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent .....	87.50
Clarence H. Cooner, Timber Cruiser .....	75.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
David B. Ericson, Ass't. Geologist .....	250.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$3,369.95</b>

Financial Statements for the month of May are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

BALANCE as of May 1, 1945 .....	\$379,643.86	
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales .....	\$17,596.26	
Land Sale — Chapter 14717 — Palm Beach County .....	384.93	
Timber Leases .....	465.61	
Grazing Leases .....	673.55	
Shell Leases .....	200.70	
Mineral Leases .....	56.25	
Interest Received on Various Contracts .....	58.28	
Total Receipts for May, 1945 .....	\$19,435.58	19,435.58
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$399,079.44</b>	
Less Disbursements for the Month of May, 1945 .....		4,498.37
BALANCE as of May 31, 1945 .....	\$394,581.07	



## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
5-1-45	225385	Southeastern Telephone Co.	\$ 16.00
	225386	Rose Printing Co.	38.50
	225387	J. F. Waddell	55.55
	225388	Lloyd F. Phillips	25.00
	225389	Arthur J. Nelson	25.00
	225390	Nelson Sherrod	25.00
	225391	Frank Stoutamire, Sheriff	2.85
	225392	Treasurer of the U.S.A.	4.62
	225393	Thompson Letter Service	110.75
	225394	L. A. Wesson	25.00
	225395	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	35.48
	225396	Lamar Warren, AAG	71.10
5-2-45	226423	H. L. Shearer	75.00
5-16-45	236136	Stetson O. Sproul, TC	397.50
	236137	A. R. Richardson	2,000.00
	236138	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
5-31-45	247528	F. C. Elliot	342.20
	247529	M. O. Barco	162.80
	247530	Jentye Dedge	171.10
	247531	J. B. Lee	20.00
	247532	David B. Ericson	185.40
	247533	W. B. Granger	50.00
	247534	Cyril Baldwin	196.10
	247535	H. L. Shearer	75.00
	250240	R. P. McLendon	74.00
	250241	Comptroller of Florida	57.02
		Withholding Tax	242.40

TOTAL Disbursements for May, 1945 .....\$4,498.37

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 UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of May 1, 1945 .....	\$16,164.46
Receipts for the Month .....	—0—
Disbursements for the Month .....	—0—
BALANCE as of May 31, 1945 .....	\$16,164.46

## CHAPTER 18296

BALANCE as of May 1, 1945 .....	\$ 74,616.53
Receipts for the Month .....	61,328.27
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$135,944.80</b>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	51,526.30
<b>BALANCE as of May 31, 1945 .....</b>	<b>\$ 84,418.50</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
5-1-45	225397	D. Fred McMullen .....	\$ 47.25
	225398	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	1.12
	225399	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	88.40
	225400	King Office Supply Co. ....	137.50
	225401	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	135.36
5-23-45	240646	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR .....	50,000.00
5-31-45	247536	Ernest Hewitt .....	232.40
	247537	Helen Phillips .....	156.10
	247538	Mary Evans Voss .....	136.00
	247539	J. R. Roberts .....	172.70
	247540	M. O. Barco .....	25.00
	247541	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	247542	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	247543	Mildred F. Scott .....	136.90
	247544	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	75.77
		Withholding Tax .....	106.80
<b>TOTAL Disbursements for May, 1945 .....</b>			<b>\$51,526.30</b>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	4/25/45	61
Baker	5/28/45	17
Bay	5/14/45	17

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	5/7/45	18
Brevard	4/30/45	33
Broward	3/19/45	2
Clay	5/28/45	2
Clay	6/9/45	1
Columbia	5/7/45	3
Dade	4/13/45	48
Dade	4/27/45	27
DeSoto	5/7/45	1
Dixie	5/7/45	1
Dixie	5/28/45	1
Escambia	4/31/45	2
Escambia	5/25/45	7
Flagler	5/7/45	3
Flagler	6/4/45	2
Franklin	4/9/45	14
Franklin	5/7/45	4
Gadsden	5/29/45	2
Hamilton	5/7/45	2
Hamilton	6/4/45	2
Hernando	5/7/45	4
Hernando	5/21/45	6
Hernando	5/28/45	3
Hillsborough	5/7/45	72
Hillsborough	5/21/45	62
Holmes	2/19/45	1
Holmes	5/7/45	1
Indian River	4/23/45	44
Indian River	5/21/45	12
Lafayette	5/11/45	1
Lafayette	5/11/45	1
Lake	7/10/44	1
Lake	12/11/44	1
Lake	3/26/45	1
Lake	6/11/45	3
Martin	1/15/45	1
Martin	2/19/45	2
Martin	4/2/45	36
Martin	4/23/45	11
Monroe	5/11/45	88
Nassau	5/7/45	8
Okeechobee	5/21/45	20
Orange	5/7/45	139

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Osceola	4/26/45	80
Osceola	4/21/45	44
Palm Beach	3/9/45	195
Palm Beach	3/9/45	48
Palm Beach	4/3/45	198
Pasco	5/7/45	29
Pinellas	4/17/45	1
Polk	4/30/45	102
Putnam	4/7/45	64
Putnam	5/5/45	47
Santa Rosa	5/7/45	6
Santa Rosa	6/4/45	14
Sarasota	5/14/45	37
Sarasota	5/28/45	35
Seminole	5/14/45	108
Seminole	6/11/45	13
St. Johns	4/12/45	1
St. Lucie	5/7/45	30
St. Lucie	6/4/45	59
Sumter	5/21/45	18
Sumter	6/4/45	28
Suwannee	5/7/45	19
Suwannee	6/4/45	6
Taylor	5/4/45	3
Taylor	5/11/45	1
Taylor	5/25/45	1
Wakulla	5/7/45	3
Walton	5/7/45	1
Washington	5/10/44	3
Washington	8/1/44	3
Washington	9/1/44	1
Washington	5/7/45	9

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the City of Homestead for conveyance of

Lot 51, Tatum's Add. to Homestead, Dade County.



Information was furnished that the entire lot which measures 50'x146' is taken up by a street, and deed is requested under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$10.00 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer for the lot described and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 to City of Homestead. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The following applications were presented from the United States:

Request Supplemental Agreement for reducing acreage in Alachua County Lease No. W 2287-eng-1702 from 40.21 acres to 10 acres, the reason being that by Declaration of Taking the Government has acquired all except 10 acres in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 20 East;

Request that the Trustees cancel Broward County Lease No. W-09-026-eng-554 involving 120 acres of State land in Section 32, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, as the area will no longer be needed by the Federal Government as a rifle range;

Request Supplemental Agreement for the purpose of adding 3.26 acres of land in Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, to Homestead Airport Lease No. W-09-026-eng-3158.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant requests from the United States as set forth in connection with leases enumerated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from the Navy Department for lease covering 2 acres of land in Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, Lake County, to be used for training of personnel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the

United States covering the area applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Adjutant General Vivian Collins that the Trustees convey title to the Armory Board in,

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 8 South,  
Range 23 East, Clay County,

said tract being located within Camp Blanding area.

Information was furnished that the land is now being advertised to be sold July 7th, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees withdraw the land from sale and make the area available to Camp Blanding for use of the Military Department but without transferring title to the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary submitted for consideration applications from Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certificates which had been certified to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Upon examination of the list, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates, the opinion being that they evidence no title in the State under Chapter 18296, and recommend cancellation by the Comptroller:

#### FLAGLER COUNTY

Ctf. No. 730 1931  
325 1936

#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Ctf. No. Bal 6578 1927  
10050 1931  
10847 1932  
21494 1933  
4195 1926  
31143 1933

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the following salaries and

miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 3.84
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	77.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee	2.25
Joe Dobson, C.C.C., Baker County	1.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	115.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,239.34</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of June, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Seaboard Railway c/o Ausley, Collins & Truitt, Attys. Tallahassee, Florida	\$ 53.55
J. D. Parker and Ola R. Parker c/o J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C. Stuart, Florida	25.00
City of Hialeah c/o E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C. Dade County Miami, Florida	1.00
Rita C. Harnett c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	25.00
William G. Long c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	2.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107.05</b>

The following amount was transferred to General Revenue from receipts under Chapter 18296 for the month of June, 1945:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund ..... \$45,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
July 10, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Allen C. Grazier, Attorney of St. Petersburg, and others representing the Port Authority of the City of St. Petersburg, presented to the Trustees application for approximately 5775 acres of State land to be used as a right of way for causeway and bridge and port development in connection with Pinellas-Manatee Bay crossing over Tampa Bay. Request was that conveyance be made by either deed or easement and if deed that the contribution to the School Fund be as small as possible.

The subject was discussed and some of the points brought out were, if there would be any objection



raised to the State reserving the oil and mineral rights. Mr. Glazier replied that St. Petersburg would not have.

Governor Caldwell desired to know what the State Road Department thought of the project. The answer was that the plans had the approval of the State Road Department and that the bridge and causeway would eventually be taken over by the Road Department.

Inquiry was made as to whether the land was sovereignty or not and the reply was that part of the land was submerged under water more than three feet and some was not.

It was explained that the project would be financed with public funds and the Port Authority had been assured that it could be done.

The Trustees asked that the Port Authority submit the application in writing, making two separate proposals, one for the bridge and causeway and the other for the port development; that the proposal in detail be worked out with the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot, the Engineer, along the lines of either a lease or easement.

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Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
July 11, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

J. Tom Watson, Atty. General (present part time)

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the Minutes of said Board dated May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and June 5th, 1945, as presented by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. W. H. Jackson, on behalf of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., presented request for lease covering the area south of the south line of Pasco County embodied in Exploration Contract No. 224. He read a resolution adopted by the Trustees December 27, 1944, and stated that pursuant thereto his clients had tried to work out some amicable arrangement with the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, and others protesting the lease, but had been unable to agree on anything; that the objectors wanted the entire area abandoned. In March 1945 another meeting was held and a resolution prepared requesting that the Trustees refrain from leasing the area between Pasco County and Naples until after the Legislature had opportunity to enact laws governing oil leases; that laws were passed at the 1945 session of the Legislature affecting leases and contracts heretofore granted, as well as future contracts, which amply protected all towns and beaches.

Provisions of the law referred to by Mr. Jackson were discussed but the Trustees not having had opportunity to analyze the laws they were not in position to state what effect they would have on action taken by the old Board. (Governor Holland's administration.)

Governor Caldwell remarked that he was not satisfied with the drilling requirements under the lease form attached to exploration contracts and there was question in his mind as to what extent approving action of the old board would be binding on the present board.

Mr. Larson inquired of Mr. Jackson whether or not his clients would consider revision along the line of the Governor's thought, or would they insist that the action of the old board was binding and that they should have the same leniency as under the old contract.

Mr. Jackson expressed the opinion that action of the old board was equal to a contract and felt that his clients should have a lease under the old agreement, form of lease having been attached to and made a part of the contract.

Mr. Larson further stated that his position had been consistent all along with reference to Contract No. 224 and he had maintained throughout that exploration work required had not been performed; that with the new provisions of law in effect, he felt that the Trustees should start anew on this contract; also that the Trustees should have Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells analyze the new laws and see whether they would have any bearing on a new contract on the southern portion. On the other hand, if Mr. Jackson felt he had a contract he would like to get an opinion from the Supreme Court on the basis of new legislation.

Governor Caldwell was of the opinion that the Trustees should have the ruling of the Attorney General as to whether or not there was a binding obligation on this board to proceed under the old exploration contract and the resolution dated December 27, 1944; that it would be necessary to know what the legal limitations were before action could be taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that procedure outlined by the Governor be followed. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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H. H. Ewing, J. L. Gillson and M. H. Miller, were present as representatives of E. I. Dupont DeNemours & Company, and applied for permission to prospect for ilmenite in the St. Lucie and Banana Rivers, Mosquito Lagoon, and in Indian River not now covered by lease. A non-exclusive lease for a period of ten years was requested and an offer of fifteen cents (15¢) per ton was made for all ilmenite removed. It was proposed that applicant be allowed to prospect the inland waters and if results were favorable the State would be asked for a contract which would provide for taking out approximately 100,000 tons of the mineral each year. The sand would be dug up with a suction dredge, or some similar method. The ilmenite would be washed from the sand and the sand would then go back into the water at approximately the same place. Would be no damage to fishing or marine life. Area to be worked in a year would be approximately one mile square. The value of the material at the plant in Delaware was given as \$15.00 per ton in normal times but higher during the war. It was estimated that the operation would require around 300 men.

Discussion was had as to other minerals such as zircon and rutile. Applicants were not interested in taking minerals other than ilmenite but suggestions were offered that possibly other plants in Florida might use such minerals; that they would be deposited in piles after ilmenite was removed.

The question of royalty was discussed and Mr. Elliot suggested that a contract might be worked out with a minimum royalty based on present prices with a sliding scale as the price advanced; that other minerals could be so deposited that they could be utilized when a market could be found.

Governor Caldwell requested that applicants submit the proposal in writing together with a form of agreement to be entered into in order that the Trustees may study the plan and investigate the physical and legal questions involved; that it would be necessary to consult with the State Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission and the Conservation Department.

Upon inquiry as to what expenditure would be involved, Mr. Gillson replied that if a plant was constructed in the area it would cost around a million dollars.

Mr. Gillson asked if they had the permission of the Trustees to bring in tugs and explore the area indicated.

The Governor replied that if it was consistent with the views of the Conservation Department and the Engineer, he could see no objection to granting such permission. This was agreeable to the other members.

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Mr. Watson recorded as present.

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Mr. Wells presented bid of \$10.00 an acre from Julius F. Parker, on behalf of client, Jacobo Cabassa, for lands in Palm Beach County advertised to be sold July 3. No quorum was present that date. The land was ordered advertised and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 26, June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 22, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida



will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 3, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

All Sections 19, 29 and 31, Township 46 South, Range 37 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that a bid of \$5,800.00 was received by mail and on date advertised for the sale Mr. Parker made a bid of \$10.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to confirm sale to Mr. Cabassa at a price of \$10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Consideration was given to Dade County land ordered advertised for sale July 10, 1945, subject to objections only. Offer of \$1,000.00 an acre was made by Thos. T. Horobin and the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., June 19, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Commencing at a point on the center line of the Seventy-Ninth Street Causeway (County Causeway), which point is 1560.0 feet East of the Half-mile Post on the West line of Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, said center line having an assumed call of N 88° 41' 24" East; thence S 1° 37' 08" East 1685.0 feet; thence N. 88° 41' 24" East 2176.0 feet to a Point of Beginning;

Thence from the above established Point of Beginning continue N 88° 41' 24" East 999.18 feet to the point of Curve of a Curve to the left having a radius of 150.0 feet and a delta of 90° 18' 32"; thence along said Curve to the left an arc distance of 236.43 feet to a Point of Tangency; thence N 1° 37' 08" West along a tangent to the above described curve 869.18 feet; thence S 88° 41' 24" West 1150.0 feet; thence S 1° 37' 08" East 1020.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 26.8 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Protest was filed by Ben Shepard of Miami to sale of the land on behalf of clients.

Upon consideration of the objections, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the protest be not allowed and that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Horobin. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Mr. Wells reported that Dade County sale, advertised for objections June 19th, had been postponed pending action by the Trustees, a quorum of the Board not being present on that date. The following Notice

was published in the Miami Herald May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M., June 19, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of the said Amended Plat of Hibiscus Place; thence South 76 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East along the prolongation Easterly of the Northerly boundary line of said Lot 1 for a distance of 156.28 feet to the intersection with the U. S. Harbor line; thence South 5 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West along said U. S. Harbor line for a distance of 201.83 feet to the intersection thereof with the prolongation Easterly of the Southerly boundary line of Lot 4, Block 1 of the said Amended Plat of Hibiscus Place; thence North 76 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds West along the prolongation Easterly of the Southerly boundary line of the aforesaid Lot 4 for a distance of 160.92 feet to the S. E. corner of said Lot 4; thence North 6 degrees 55 minutes 57 seconds East along the Easterly boundary line of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 1 of said Amended Plat of Hibiscus Place for a distance of 201.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Said above described tract of land contains 0.73 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed or presented and the offer of \$1,000.00 an acre from Thos. H. Horobin, on behalf of J. H. DeWitt, was submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. DeWitt at a price of \$1,000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson's vote being recorded in the negative.

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Mr. Wells reported that Dade County land applied for by Thos. H. Horobin, on behalf of Milton Steinhardt, with offer of \$1,000.00 an acre, had been advertised for sale on the 19th, but a quorum not being present, the sale was postponed. The following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 19, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East; thence S 1° 41' 42" East along the East line of said Section 3 a distance of 863.68 feet; thence S 74° 10' 41" West 209.78 feet; thence S 88° 32' 00" West 2,050.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the area covered by this description; thence from the above established Point of Beginning proceed along a curve to the left having a radius of 180.0 feet, a delta of 180°, and an arc distance of 565.5 feet; thence S 88° 32' 00" West 2,845.84 feet to a P.C.; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 180.0 feet, a delta of 180°, and an arc distance of 565.4 feet to a P.T.; thence N 88° 32' 00" East 2,845.84 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 23.52 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.



BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Objections were filed to the sale of the land by David Malloy and wife.

Information was furnished that Mr. Horobin would like to make further measurements of an area within the three-foot limit and submit to the Board at a later date.

Without objection, action was withheld pending further information. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Wells reported that based on application of Arthur Treister with offer of \$50.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on May 12, 19, 26, June 2 and 9, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 19, 1945, the following described land in DADE COUNTY:

S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 160 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

On June 19th, date of sale, a quorum of the Trustees was not present but the following bids were received and held for action by the board:

Arthur Treister .....	\$55.00 an acre
Ambrose Becker .....	\$55.00 an acre
Robert Bannerman for J. E. Dodson	\$56.00 an acre

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to defer action on bids submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of Theodore R. Potts, with offer of \$1,000.00 an acre for purchase of:

17.2 acres of submerged land in Section 18,  
Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer submitted by Mr. Horobin. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson's vote being recorded in the negative.

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Application was presented from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for five-year sand lease on an area located off-shore oceanward from Virginia Key and Key Biscayne, Dade County, for which he offers five cents (5¢) per cubic yard. The material is desired for building purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Horobin and authorize lease for five years at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$10.00 an acre for land described as follows, applied for by William A. O'Bryan for client:

Sections 13 and 24, Township 47 South, Range  
38 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Action was deferred on application from Otis R. Peavy of Madison, Florida, offering \$3.50 an acre for the

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 17 East, Madison County.

The Trustees desired an appraisal of the land before taking action. It was so ordered.

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Request was presented from Brown Company of Portland, Maine, for correction deed involving land in Palm Beach County conveyed by Deed No. 17115 dated June 6, 1923, and by Deed No. 18093 dated in June 1930, conveying the retained reservations. It was explained that an error had been made in the description of both deeds and it was in order for correction deed to be issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that deed be issued in favor of Brown Company for the purpose of correcting erroneous description in Deeds No. 17115 and No. 18093. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Watson excused from further attendance at the meeting.

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Request was submitted from the U. S. Navy Department for lease on

Section 26, Township 48 South, Range 39 East, Broward County,

to be used as a bombing target site for the Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States covering the land applied for, without consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Wells submitted bids on sales advertised for July 3rd, covering Suwannee County and Pinellas County lands, action on which was postponed for the reason that a quorum was not present on that date.

Based on application from G. Warren Sanchez, on behalf of W. M. Frink, with offer of \$5.00 an acre for

the land, the following Notice was published in the Live Oak Democrat June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 28, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 3, 1945, the following described lands in SUWANNEE COUNTY:

SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,  
S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 5, Township 1 South,  
Range 13 East, containing 200 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Offer of \$5.00 an acre from Mr. Sanchez was the only bid received for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Frink and authorize conveyance of the land at a price of \$5.00 an acre.

ALSO,

Based on offer of \$12.00 an acre from Kenneth W. Kerr, on behalf of the City of Dunedin, the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun May 26, June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 23, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida



will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 3, 1945, the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The above land having been advertised for objections only, no protests were filed or presented and the offer of \$12.00 an acre from the City of Dunedin was submitted for action. Information was also furnished that an act of the Legislature Chapter 18400, Acts of 1937, authorized sale of this land to the City of Dunedin for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale in favor of the City of Dunedin at a price of \$12.00 an acre, the deed to contain reversion clause in the event the land should ever be used for other than park purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from John C. Hall for lease on lake bottom land in

Sections 15 and 22, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, containing approximately 234.1 acres in Glades County,

for which he offered fifty cents (50¢) an acre for five-year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Hall on the land described, rental

to be at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Archie Harris, on behalf of client, for release of canal reservations retained by the Trustees in Deed No. 16812, dated September 29, 1919, in favor of W. Motes and wife, conveying:

Lot 1, Block 6, State Survey of Hiatus between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

It was explained that no drainage work would be done on the property as it is the improved residence lot of the owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request be referred to Mr. Elliot for report as to the necessity of the canal reservation in the deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Report of the Land Appraiser was submitted covering application of C. H. Eicks, presented to the Trustees May 22nd, involving land described as,

Islands 5, 7, 9 and 13, Section 28; Islands 1 and 3, Sections 28 and 29; all in Township 40 South, Range 23 East, aggregating 17.18 acres in Charlotte County.

Mr. Eicks offered \$5.00 an acre for the islands. The Appraiser valued the islands at \$10.00 and \$5.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of \$5.00 an acre be declined and a counter proposal made to advertise the islands for competitive bidding provided Mr. Eicks will agree to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre for all the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$100.00 an acre having been received from E. S. Boyd for bottom lands in Bayou Louise, Siesta Key, Sarasota County, Florida, appraisal was requested on property in that locality. Report from the Land Appraiser values the land at \$150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of \$100.00 an acre be declined and counter proposal submitted to advertise the property

provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$150.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the Trustees decline the following applications:

G. L. Miller of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$1.50 an acre for unsurveyed N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 47 South, Range 30 East, and unsurveyed Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East, Collier County;

Gene M. Speer of Orlando, Florida—Offer of \$75.00 for Lots 3, 9 and 10, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, comprising 12.08 acres in Orange County;

Mrs. R. E. Wallace of South Jacksonville, Florida—Offer of \$75.00 for S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 8, Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 23 East, Nassau County;

Mark R. Tenant of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$10.00 an acre for Section 7, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County;

Julian E. Ross of Fort Lauderdale, Florida—Offer of \$25.00 an acre for Tracts 4, 5, 6, Tier 14, and Tracts 3, 4, 5, 6, Tier 16, Newman's Survey, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees deferred action, pending appraisal, on application from Gedney, Johnston & Lilienthal, on behalf of Kenneth M. Dunning, to purchase land described as:

0.62 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, and 1.85 acres in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Offer of \$200.00 an acre was made for the property.

Application was submitted from Canaveral Port Authority to acquire title to sovereignty land for harbor purposes, described as:

Located in Sections 10 and 11, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, containing approximately 700 acres in Brevard County.

Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre was made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the application be referred to Mr. Elliot for report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Maurice H. Nierenberg on behalf of David Emerman, for renewal of Fishing Camp Lease No. 112 for a term of five years with payment at \$25.00 annually. Information was furnished that the lease covers an area of one acre on the South Bank of Rocky Channel in Section 30, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, and would expire September 10, 1945, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to renew lease at a price of \$25.00 annually, but agree to a renewal based on rental of \$50.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from A. A. Poston that the Trustees accept \$2.10 an acre from F. J. Lewis for 200 acres of land in Section 33, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County, which parcel was covered in a former application in the same township and range, but through error was omitted. It was explained that individual certificates were outstanding against this property which would be taken care of by Mr. Lewis.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Mr. Lewis of the 200 acres in Section 33, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, at a price of \$2.10 an acre, subject to all taxes or tax liens. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. G. E. Ferguson, representing the U. S. Geological Survey, explained to the Trustees the drainage in-



formation that his department had accumulated and its value to the State as well as the Federal Government. He requested that the Trustees participate in furnishing funds to assist in carrying out the program for further work in the State.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the Trustees would be justified in taking part in the program in connection with the lakes as most of the lakes affected were navigable waters and under the control of the State to a certain extent.

Mr. Larson suggested that Mr. Ferguson confer with Mr. Elliot on some plan to be submitted to the Board at a later date. The suggestion was approved by the Board.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
July 17, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Pursuant to application from J. T. Hancock with offer of \$50.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized advertisement of land in Okeechobee County and the following Notice was published in the Okeechobee News June 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 13, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 17, 1945, the following described lands in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY:

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
South of Hancock Meander Line, Section 32,  
Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08, 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising costs.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

It was announced that sale of the land would be made subject to grazing lease in favor of Reecy Davis, and under terms of her lease she would have the privilege of buying the land at the highest bid offered.

Upon call for bids, J. T. Hancock raised his bid from \$50.00 to \$101.00 an acre. S. J. Davis, on behalf of Reecy Davis, offered \$101.00 an acre for the land. There were no further bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to consummate sale of the land described to Reecy Davis at a price of \$101.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Based on application from Earl Rader of Miami, Florida, with offer of \$1000.00 for a parcel of land in Dade County, the Trustees authorized the following Notice published in the Miami Herald on June 14, 21, 28, July 5 and 12, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 7, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., July 17, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

A parcel of bay bottom land bounded on the South by the South line of Tract 1 as shown by the amended plat of portions of Revised Plat of Miami Shores, Section 8, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 39, Page 56, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; bounded on the West by the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay; bounded on the North by a line parallel to and 1,000 feet North of said South line of Tract 1; bounded on the East by a line running from a point 50 feet East of the Southeast corner of Block 184-A, of the Amended Plat of Tract 184-A, Section 8, Miami Shores, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 42, Page 40, Public Records of Dade County, Florida, in a straight line to the Southeast corner of said Tract 1; comprising two acres, more or less, Township 53 South, Range 42 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported no objections had been received to sale of the land, which adjoined applicant's upland property on the West side.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that sale of the land described be con-

firmed in the name of Earl Rader at a price of \$1000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from James S. Lang and requested that the Land Appraiser examine the following described land in Dade County:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East—Offer of \$26.00 an acre;

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 20, Township 55 South, Range 39 East—Offer of \$5.00 an acre;

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 38 East—Offer of \$12.00 an acre.

It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for easement through State land in Nassau County, for use in connection with the Intra-coastal Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested covering parcels designated as follows:

MSA-Na-8—Parcel of submerged or partly submerged land in E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 49, Township 2 North, Range 28 East;

MSA-Na-9—Parcel of submerged or partly submerged land in Section 51, Township 2 North, Range 28 East;

MSA-Na-10a—N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 28 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from W. L. Blankinship of Lake City, Florida, with offer of \$200.00 for the

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, containing 40 acres in Columbia County.



Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer submitted and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids if applicant will offer \$300.00 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$250.00 an acre was presented from Archie Clements, on behalf of client, for purchase of two islands in Anclote River,

In Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, containing approximately 0.88 of an acre in Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees advertise the two islands for bids, based on offer of \$250.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Application was presented from Florida Forest and Park Service for conveyance of the following described land in Bay County for park purposes.

Lot 9 of Section 15;

Lots 2, 5, 6 and  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 22;

$SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23;

Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6, Section 26;

All in Township 4 South, Range 15 West.

Upon consideration of this and other requests from the Park Service that oil and mineral reservations be released from deeds to the Park Board and that Murphy Act certificates on park areas be cancelled, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that all these matters be taken up with the Attorney General for recommendations and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was received from Frank D. Guernsey of Orlando, Florida, for purchase of reclaimed land in Lake Conway, Orange County, located at the end of Wallace Street, for which he offers \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell the parcel as applicant does not own any property adjacent thereto on either side of the street. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Watson presented request from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for correction in Deed No. 18475-"B" dated December 4, 1944, conveying strip of land 80 feet wide through Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. Request was for alteration of the four reserving clauses in the deed and the Attorney General recommended that the corrections be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Attorney General be authorized to draw the necessary correction deed in line with his recommendations. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented request from A. A. Poston, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, that the Trustees release the oil and mineral reservations in deeds authorized at the meeting March 22 in favor of F. J. Lewis and J. W. Robison. It was explained that title to this land vested in the Trustees through foreclosure by the County under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

ALSO:

Another application was presented from F. J. Lewis for purchase of land of the same character, accompanied by resolution from the Board of County Commissioners recommending sale at the price offered by Mr. Lewis, which resolution provides for payment of the full equity by the State and an amount agreed upon to be paid the Trustees for administrative purposes.

Mr. Poston was present and requested that the Trustees modify the charge from \$5.00 to \$1.00 per certificate for release of the oil and mineral reservations in the land applied for by Mr. Lewis, in view of the large number of subdivision lots involved, and that the said reservations either be omitted from the deeds, or released by separate instruments.

Mr. Watson explained that Mr. Poston had taken the matter up with him and stated that it had been the understanding of the County Commissioners all along that the reservations would be released; that the County having the largest interest in the land felt the Trustees should not retain the oil and mineral rights; that after he had gone into the matter thoroughly with Mr. Poston he was willing to recommend to the Trustees, upon the statement made by Mr. Poston, and the records of the Trustees, if available, that the deeds be drawn omitting the oil and mineral reservations, provided the County Commissioners would adopt a resolution agreeing that the omission of the reservations would only apply to municipal property and not to any acreage outside of a municipality; that his recommendation is predicated upon the fact that the Trustees will be carrying out an agreement made some years ago.

Mr. Elliot explained that the procedure followed in past years was to retain the oil and mineral rights in the deed and then issue quitclaim deed releasing such reservation upon payment of a price either per lot or parcel.

The subject having been discussed, motion was made by Mr. Watson that based on the statements made by Mr. Poston, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and conditioned upon adoption by the County Commissioners of a resolution as suggested, that the Trustees authorize execution of the deeds conveying land under Chapter 14572 of 1929 without oil and mineral reservations. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Also, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that payment in lieu of reservation be at the rate of \$1.00 per certificate for the lands applied for by Mr. Lewis. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Poston requested that deeds be made in the name of Mission Company, Inc., covering applications from F. J. Lewis to lots as listed, in the following subdivisions:

All lots in Monroe Heights in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25;

Lots in Acrehome Park 3rd Add. in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11;

Lots in Acrehome Park, First Add. in Blocks 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37;

Lots in Acrehome Park;

Lots in Acrehome Park 2nd Add. in Blocks 3 and 8;

Amended Plat of Lauraville, in Block 3 and Block 5;

Lots in Inlet City in Blocks 4, 9, 16, 18, 34, 45 and 53;

Lots in Pleasant Heights in Block 4;

Lots in Dunbar Terrace in Blocks 5 and 6;

Lots in Lauraville in Blocks 1, 2, 3, and 5;

Lot in Inlet Grove, Block 1;

Lots in Riviera, Block 20;

Lots in Acrehome Park, Block 8.

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Resolutions were also presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, recommending acceptance of the following bids for lands under Chapter 14572:

Brady F. Grimsley and wife—Offer of \$29.06 for Lots 17 and 18, Block 57, Inlet City;

Ruth and Henry DeLoach—Offer of \$23.70 for Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, Acrehome Park;

Ruth and Henry DeLoach—Offer of \$27.33 for Lot 6 (less N 65') Block 3, Acrehome Park;

Babe Mills—Offer of \$36.04 for Lots 1 and 2, Block 36, Inlet City.

It was also requested that oil and mineral reservation be omitted from deeds covering these applications.

Information was furnished that by resolutions adopted, the County agreed that the State receive its full equity in the land and the Trustees the regular fee, the County taking the loss on its tax equity.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offers recom-



mended by the County Commissioners based on the resolutions adopted in each case and that the oil and mineral reservations be omitted from deeds. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson having reference to protests received from Ellis F. Davis, Attorney of Kissimee, to private individuals being allowed to dig canals through the ordinary high water mark of Lake Jackson, Osceola County, thereby lowering the water level. Mr. Watson's recommendation was that an investigation be conducted by the Trustees and by the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for taking whatever action he deemed necessary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Robert M. Angas of Jacksonville, Florida, and from J. A. Fitzsimmons of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for appointment with the Trustees to present the application of Beaty-Horton-Stadler for tide water lands in New River Sound, Broward County.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that application involved legal questions as to titles and descriptions of areas in New River, determination of which had been in the Courts for some time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Secretary notify Mr. Angas and Mr. Fitzsimmons that the Trustees request that they take the matter up with the Attorney General in order that he may have opportunity to examine the legal questions before the case is presented to the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Financial Statements for the month of June are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

BALANCE as of June 1, 1945 ..... \$394,581.07

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$41,851.51
Farm Lease .....	140.00

Mineral Lease .....	18.75
Sand & Shell Leases .....	215.05
Grazing Leases .....	532.35
Fishing Campsite .....	18.75
Interest Rec'd on Various Contracts .....	40.81
Certified Copy Resolutions Adopted I. I. Board .....	2.00
Certified Copy Excerpt of Minutes Trustees I. I. Fund .....	11.50
Reimbursement of Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes on Lands Sold .....	4,154.10
Refund of Overpayment on Adver- tisement Covering Sale of Launch Josephine .....	5.60
Dock Site .....	37.50
Fill Permit .....	3.75
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Total Receipts for the Month of June, 1945 .....	47,031.67
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TOTAL .....	\$441,612.74
Less Disbursements for the Month of June, 1945 .....	4,865.01
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BALANCE as of June 30, 1945 .....	\$436,747.73

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
6-1-45	252168	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	\$ 5.70
	252169	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC .....	4.00
	252170	Mickler and Mickler .....	61.77
	252171	Ray E. Green, CCC .....	3.15
	252172	Ted Cabot, CCC .....	473.86
	252173	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	5.45
6-30-45	271905	F. C. Elliot .....	342.20
	271906	M. O. Barco .....	162.80
	271907	Jentye Dedge .....	171.10
	271908	J. B. Lee .....	20.00
	271909	David B. Ericson .....	185.40
	271910	W. B. Granger .....	50.00
	271911	Cyril Baldwin .....	196.10
	271912	H. L. Shearer .....	75.00
	274247	Comptroller of Florida .....	22.16
	276311	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	7.50

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	276312	B. A. Meginniss .....	10.00
	276313	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	4.19
	276314	John R. Curtler .....	1,663.00
	276315	Robert P. McLendon .....	13.50
	276316	S. S. Savage .....	42.10
	279327	S. S. Savage .....	86.40
	279328	Clarence H. Cooner .....	74.30
	282951	Stetson O. Sproul, TC .....	941.13
		Withholding Tax .....	244.20
TOTAL Disbursements for June, 1945 .....			\$4,865.01

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

BALANCE as of June 1, 1945 .....	\$16,164.46
Receipts for the Month	
Oil Leases .....	217.89
Total .....	\$16,382.35
Disbursements for the Month .....	—0—
BALANCE as of June 30, 1945 .....	\$16,382.35

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

BALANCE as of June 1, 1945 .....	\$ 84,418.50
Receipts for the Month .....	72,016.87
Total .....	\$156,435.37
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	46,482.69
BALANCE as of June 30, 1945 .....	\$109,952.68

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
6-1-45	252174	Western Union Telegraph Co. \$	1.64
	252175	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co. ....	53.50
	252176	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	27.00
	252177	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	4.16
	252178	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
6-29-45	264359	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR .....	45,000.00

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
6-30-45	271914	Ernest Hewitt .....	232.40
	271915	Helen Phillips .....	156.10
	271916	Mary Evans Voss .....	136.00
	271917	J. R. Roberts .....	172.70
	271918	M. O. Barco .....	25.00
	271919	Jentye Dedge .....	25.00
	271920	F. C. Elliot .....	50.00
	271921	Mildred F. Scott .....	136.90
	271922	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	109.30
	277159	Seaboard Railway .....	53.55
	277160	J. D. and Ola R. Parker .....	25.00
	277161	City of Hialeah .....	1.00
	277162	Rita C. Harnett .....	25.00
	277163	Wm. G. Long .....	2.50
	277164	Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	3.84
	277165	Capital Office Equipment Co. ....	2.25
	277166	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	77.25
	277167	Joe Dobson, CCC .....	1.00
		Withholding Tax .....	111.60

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TOTAL Disbursements for June, 1945 ..... \$46,482.69

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were ready for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	4/25/45	2
Alachua	5/23/45	22
Alachua	6/20/45	28
Brevard	5/23/45	64
Broward	4/16/45	525
Clay	6/30/45	9
Columbia	5/21/45	7
Dade	5/4/45	42
Dade	5/9/45	25
Dade	5/16/45	12
Dade	5/23/45	40
DeSoto	6/18/45	2
Flagler	6/4/45	1



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Gadsden	6/30/45	4
Gulf	6/25/45	1
Hendry	6/11/45	14
Hernando	6/30/45	4
Indian River	6/25/45	43
Jefferson	6/4/45	17
Lafayette	7/6/45	1
Lake	5/14/45	110
Lake	6/11/45	71
Manatee	5/7/45	43
Manatee	6/4/45	20
Marion	5/7/45	73
Marion	6/4/45	30
Martin	4/2/45	1
Martin	4/30/45	39
Martin	6/4/45	41
Okaloosa	7/10/43	2
Okaloosa	1/24/44	2
Okaloosa	2/6/44	1
Okaloosa	5/6/44	1
Orange	6/4/45	21
Palm Beach	3/9/45	1
Pasco	6/4/45	38
Pinellas	8/15/44	4
Pinellas	11/14/44	2
Pinellas	12/19/44	2
Pinellas	2/20/45	3
Pinellas	5/29/45	134
Polk	4/30/45	1
Putnam	6/2/45	69
Sarasota	5/14/45	1
Sarasota	6/8/45	44
Seminole	6/11/45	1
Taylor	5/15/45	3
Union	6/11/45	1
Volusia	5/7/45	172
Volusia	6/4/45	75

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Shell Oil Company for purchase of reserved oil rights in certain lands sold to C. W. Parker, involving 166 acres in Santa Rosa County. Applicant claims to have leased the oil rights from the fee owner and offers to make payment at the same rate for lease on the reserved interest of the State.

The Attorney General reported that under the laws the Trustees did not have authority to lease the reserved oil interest in Murphy Act land, but there was authority for entering into an operating contract under certain terms and conditions providing for royalty to be paid.

Without objection, action was deferred on application from Shell Oil Company.

The Secretary reported that some time ago, at the request of the Attorney General, the Trustees held up issuance of quitclaim deeds releasing all or any portion of the 200-foot reservation for State road right of ways. The point in question was whether or not the charge for such release should be based on the value of the area to be released, or whether the original purchase price covered the entire tract.

Letter was submitted from the Attorney General in which he gave an opinion that the charge heretofore made by the Trustees for release of State Road right of way was sufficient where such release was made to original purchaser.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be authorized to follow the principle suggested by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

In view of the foregoing action, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing part or all of the 200-foot reservation for State roads, the State Road Department having so recommended in each case:

COUNTY	DEED No.	APPLICANT
Broward	1853	R. L. Conlon and Grace Conlon
Duval	2390	Jacksonville Heights Improvement Company

COUNTY	DEED No.	APPLICANT
Flagler	42	Flagler Beach Investment Company
Hillsborough	375	Mary Wade
"	1361	Palma Ceia Properties, Inc. & Hewall Investment Co.
"	(2188 & 2310	L. F. Maynard
"	2567	Jose Hernandez & Eathel Hernandez, his wife
"	(3178 & 3204	V. C. Knight
"	3428	M. S. Ryan
"	(3086, 3153 & 3397	Alex J. McClosky and Helen M. McClosky
"	(3331, 3381, 3441, 3608 & 3745	John A. Sewell and wife, Evelyn Sewell
"	3574	Marguerite F. Gilkeson
"	3777	A. M. Wade
Pinellas	1162	Chas. S. Brock and Lily H. Brock
"	1530	G. K. Chandler and wife, Helen Grey Chandler
Polk	727	Jonathan Maxcy
Putnam	1245	C. S. Green and Mabel S. Green, his wife
"	1404	H. L. Misamore
Santa Rosa	137	C. M. Grice
Volusia	399	Elsie M. Bradford
"	1793 & 1810	George S. Witmer and Belle S. Witmer

Letter was presented from the Attorney General submitting request from the United States for stipulation in the case entitled,

"U. S. vs. 960 Acres, Broward County, Florida,  
et al., No. 688-M-Civil—File 4147."

Stipulation provided for acceptance of \$62.50 on the part of the Trustees for Parcels designated as 3 and 56, covering Murphy Act land in Broward County owned by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to stipulate with the United States as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
July 24, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney for Trustees, made verbal report on his recent trip to Miami for the purpose of securing information with reference to depth of water in certain portions of Biscayne Bay in connection with recent suits filed against the sale of such areas, based on applications from Thomas H. Horobin.

Mr. Parker informed the Board that in the interest of getting the suits released he had met with City and County officials of Miami and Miami Beach to ascertain what their attitude was; that he learned that they were very much opposed to sale of any areas in Biscayne Bay. They stated that if sales were attempted they



would be forced to continue the lawsuits and secure permanent injunction to the sales. He discussed with them another proposal made by Mr. Horobin to purchase from the State an area below Miami, which would provide for deeding a right of way strip to the County and constructing bridges for connecting the parcels and asked them what their attitude to the Biscayne Bay sales would be if the other proposal could be worked out. Their reply was that they would still be opposed to the sales in Biscayne Bay.

Upon discussion of the report from Mr. Parker, it was the opinion of the members present that in view of the opposition of the two cities and Dade County, the sales pending in Biscayne Bay should not be consummated.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Parker prepare a proper motion for adoption at the next meeting in line with the expressed opinion to decline offers for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. S. H. Rogers of Tampa appeared before the Trustees relative to extension of Mineral Sand Lease No. 291. He read letter which he had prepared asking for extension of the contract from 5 to 7 years. He stated he had paid the minimum required under the lease regularly—\$25.00 per month.

A condition entering into the lease is the establishment of a plant. Mr. Rogers says it will take from 6 months to a year to get this plant established and will cost around \$150,000.00. The area covered extends from the Okaloosa County line on around East Bay, the coastal area covering around 150 sq. miles.

Governor Caldwell asked Mr. Rogers if he expected to get the money required for building the plant from someone else. Mr. Rogers said the Cyanide Company is backing them and will furnish the required funds.

The Governor suggested that upon the establishment of a substantial plant the Trustees might then extend the period of the lease an additional two years.

Mr. Larson moved that upon the establishment of a substantial plant the Trustees agree to extend Lease No. 291 for a period of two years. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram received from Currie Investment & Title Guaranty Company, protesting sale of Palm Beach County land, (title under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929) approved by Trustees at July 17th meeting.

Mr. Elliot explained that Mr. A. A. Poston, representing the Board of County Commissioners, had submitted resolutions from his Board recommending sales to several parties; that no other bids had been received and the Trustees had accepted the offers as presented, accompanied by resolutions from the County; that his information was that the County Commissioners had stated they would stand by their resolutions and desired the sales to be consummated by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that in view of the refusal by the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to withdraw from their position, the request from Currie Investment & Title Guaranty Company be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary presented letter from W. S. Middleton, Mayor of the Town of Pomona, and Representative from Putnam County, requesting that the Trustees give further consideration to request for conveyance of sub-marginal land adjacent to and surrounding Lake Broward in Putnam County.

It was explained that the Trustees recently fixed a price of \$10.00 an acre for this land, conveyance of which was authorized by Chapter 21784, Acts of 1943, to the City of Pomona.

Mr. Elliot suggested that in view of the nature of title to certain areas around the Lake the Trustees might be justified in making a price of \$5.00 an acre on the area covered by the Act.

Mr. Elliot was authorized to discuss the subject with Mr. Middleton along the lines suggested and ask that he take the matter up with the City of Pomona and advise the Trustees of their decision. It was so ordered.

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The Secretary read a suggested resolution for adoption by the Trustees.

Upon discussion of the suggestion, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried,

that the following Resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 610, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1855, is for the purpose indicated by its title as follows: "An Act to Provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements of This State," and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the past ninety years have undertaken and carried out works of internal improvements in this State, among which are State buildings as coming within the category of internal improvements, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 22820, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945, authorizes the provision of certain State buildings and other facilities for State purposes and also provides that "any act providing for the disposition or application of money by a department shall not be construed to be violated when funds of a department are applied under this section for assisting the State in securing such buildings or other facilities as may be required in the furtherance of the State's operations,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that such monies of said funds as are not required for expenses shall be usable to such extent and in such manner as said Trustees may determine toward assisting the State in its State Building Program.

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Mr. Elliot stated that if the Trustees authorized him to employ an additional assistant to help out in the work in his office, he would give that assistant certain part time work under the State Building Program Act and treat that time as a contribution of the Trustees to the Building Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to employ such assistant as he deemed necessary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Thad Whidden, on behalf of Herman Wood, to purchase

Lot 21, Mackey's Addition to Pahokee, Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

The Secretary explained that title to the lot came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District in 1931, pursuant to Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, that Mr. Wood lives on the property and has paid sub-drainage taxes thereon. He recommended a price of \$100.00 for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lot applied for by Mr. Wood at a price of \$100.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 8.55
Jess Mathas, C.C.C., Volusia County .....	6.00
Baxter & Berryhill, Attys. at Law, Fort Lauderdale .....	33.25
Mickler and Mickler, Attys. at Law, St. Augustine .....	41.20
Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	99.23
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	17.46
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,400.69</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Dade	5/23/45	2
Duval	5/24/45	220
Hendry	6/11/45	2
Hernando	6/18/45	9
Lake	5/14/45	14
Lake	7/9/45	1
Leon	6/25/45	1
Leon	7/16/45	3
Okeechobee	6/18/45	21
Palm Beach	5/4/45	215
Pinellas	6/26/45	267
Taylor	6/22/45	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the City of Hialeah for conveyance under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, of 639 Dade County lots located within the City limits of Hialeah. Mr. Martin F. Whelan, on behalf of the city, offered \$1.00 per lot or parcel and agreed that the City would conduct sale of the said lots in the same manner as carried out in former transaction—Deed No. 03—Chap. 21684 dated September 26, 1944—advertising all lots prior to sale and giving former owners opportunity to reacquire title where desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize sale to the City of Hialeah, Dade County, Florida, of 639 lots located within the city limits, at a price of \$1.00 per lot; conveyance to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, and conditioned upon the City's agreeing to advertise all lots prior to sale, allowing former owners to re-purchase if desired, and conducting the sales in a manner similar to former transaction under Dade County Deed No. 03—Chap. 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Three requests were presented from the State Road Department for right of ways through Murphy Act land in Bay, Brevard and Pinellas Counties, desired in connection with State roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easements as requested by the State Road Department for the following designated roads:

Bay County Road No. 52—Project 4606-105—SRD No. 42—Lots in Blocks 38, 64 and 91, Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 14 West—Right of Way, Drainage Ditch and Borrow Pit;

Brevard County Road No. 206—Project 1233 (Sec. 7006) SRD No. 4—Lots 6 and 8, Block 6, College Park Amended Map, a subdivision of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, and part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 36 East—Road Right of Way;

Pinellas County Road No. 15—Project Sec. 1502—SRD No. 2—Lots 1 to 69, inclusive, Block 1, Rivo Alto, Section 7, Township 27 South, Range 16 East—Borrow Pit.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary reported the following cancellation and releases by the United States of leases on Murphy Act land:

Orange County—Acknowledgement of Cancellation of Lease No. W-09-026-eng-400;

Lake County—Release of Lease No. W-2287-eng-15725;

Lake County—Release of Lease No. W-09-026-eng-573.

Report approved and ordered filed.

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Request was presented from the City of Palmetto, Florida, for conveyance of Manatee County lots for cemetery purposes, as authorized by Chapter 21674, Acts of 1943, upon payment of \$50.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the

following lots as provided by Chapter 21674, with provision in the deed that the lots will be used for purposes of Palmetto City Cemetery only:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20, Block 1;

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 21, Block 7;

All Block 6, less Lot 6;

Palmetto Heights Re-Sub. of Welch's Add.

Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 17 East,  
Manatee County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

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Mr. Elliot presented letter from Adjutant General Vivian Collins, State Military Department, St. Augustine, Florida, making application for use of a tract of land comprising 120 acres in Section 32, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, Broward County, released June 26, 1945, by the United States as a rifle range. It was explained that the United States had turned the property over to the State with all equipment as a rifle range and that the State Militia was in need of an adequate rifle range for Dade and Broward Counties.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant permission to the Adjutant General for use of the Broward County area as a rifle range for the State Militia, but not under long term lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from the City of Vero Beach, Florida, that the Trustees release reservation in Indian River County Deed No. 267 dated May 25, 1942, such reservation being that the land will be used for public purposes only. Purchase price was \$1.00 per lot, or a total of \$68.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary notify the City of Vero Beach that the Trustees will be agreeable to making release of the reservation when and if the plans of the City are ready to be effectuated for a consideration of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the City of Tampa that action of the Trustees May 15th be rescinded, authorizing delivery of deed to Sol Adelson conveying three lots in McFarlane's Add. to West Tampa, Hillsborough County. The City requested deed under Chapter 20424 and furnished certificate as to former ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to deed the lots to the City of Tampa under provisions of Chapter 21684 upon payment of \$250.00, which was the amount of high bid at sale, plus costs incurred by applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter dated June 5th was presented from the City of Tampa requesting deed under Chapter 20424 to Hillsborough County property described as:

Lots 1 to 14, Block 1 of Vedado S/D.

Lots 1 to 14, Block 5 of Vedado S/D.

Statement was furnished that the City acquired these lots in 1937 for park and playground purposes and an old certificate was overlooked. Recently application was made to the Clerk by an individual and the lots were advertised for sale June 18, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to cancel sale to individual applicant, and authorize deed in favor of the City of Tampa upon payment of amount offered by applicant to purchase at advertised sale, plus costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented from the City of Tampa, Florida, for Murphy Act land in Hillsborough County:

1. That the Trustees decline offers from individuals for the following described lands included in an area which the City heretofore requested withdrawn from sale and which they desired to purchase in connection with Hillsborough River Dam Project:

Lots 1, 21 to 24, Block 61, Temple Crest  
Unit No. 3;



Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, Block 41, Temple

Crest Unit No. 3;

Lot 13, Block J, Elizabeth Court;

2. That the Trustees convey lots and acreage along Hillsborough River, heretofore withdrawn from sale, located in Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, Township 28 South, Range 19 East, and in Sections 28, 19, 31, 32, 33, 36, Township 27 South, Range 20 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to decline offers made for land being advertised for sale described under (1) provided the City of Tampa will agree to pay an amount equal to bid by individual, plus costs, and as to (2) the Trustees will make conveyance upon payment by the City of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, deed to be executed under the provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and miscellaneous bills and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 4.53
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	147.50
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Atlanta	13.60
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	260.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	185.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	160.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	185.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	150.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	115.00

**TOTAL** ..... **\$1,370.63**

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
July 31, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the Minutes dated June 26, July 10, 11, 17 and 24, 1945, as presented by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Minutes ordered approved.

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Mr. Wells presented for reconsideration the sale of an area in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, advertised for objections to be heard June 19th, and a quorum not being present on that date sale was brought up at the July 11th meeting and again deferred until this date. Thomas H. Horobin applied for the parcel on behalf of Milton Steinhard, who agreed to pay \$1000.00 an acre for 23.52 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East.

The Secretary explained that Mr. Tyrus A. Norwood, Attorney for David Molloy, filed protest to the sale and applied to the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, for a restraining order. Dean Louis Tribble, of the Comptroller's office, and Mr. Elliot, representing the Trustees, assured Circuit Judge W. May Walker that plaintiffs would have ample opportunity to present objections before action was

taken on the sale; also that sufficient time would be allowed for objectors to apply for restraining order in event the Trustees declined to recognize protests. Based on the statements made, the Court declined to issue the restraining order, without prejudice to plaintiffs.

Mr. Elliot further informed the Board that Mr. Horobin has amended his application for land involved in the Molloy protest, and offers \$1000.00 an acre for a parcel comprising approximately three and one-half acres instead of 23.52; that the land in the amended application is all under water less than three feet deep at high tide; that he had discussed the matter further with Mr. Norwood and believes there will be no objection to sale of the drawn-in area.

Mr. Julius Parker stated that all parties concerned agreed on a certain line, beyond which the amended application would not go and over which the water was not more than three feet deep.

Governor Caldwell was of the opinion that there was nothing before the Board for action at this time, except to either confirm or reject the sale as advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell the parcel applied for by Mr. Horobin according to advertisement—see copy of Notice in Minutes of July 11, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Governor Caldwell advised Mr. Horobin that if he desired to make application for the smaller area consideration would be given at a later date.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson, furnishing information that an application was to be made to Honorable W. May Walker, Circuit Court Judge, on Wednesday, August 1, 1945, at 2:30 P. M., by William Burbridge for temporary restraining order enjoining and restraining conveyance by the Trustees of certain submerged areas in Biscayne Bay containing 26.8 acres, more or less; that it had come to his attention that objections had been filed to the sale; that the same elements were present in this suit as were involved in another suit affecting Biscayne Bay lands, and in an opinion to the Trustees he had pointed out the doubtful legality of such a sale; that in view of such opinion he did not feel that he could represent the Trustees as he

intended filing an answer in his individual capacity as a member of the Trustees. He suggested that the Trustees obtain other counsel to handle this suit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that notice of the proposed suit be referred to Mr. Julius Parker with request that he handle this as well as other suits filed against the Trustees involving Biscayne Bay areas, and that the Committee appointed by the Governor—Messrs. Larson, Watson, Mayo and English—be requested to make arrangements with Mr. Parker for handling the suit. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson made the motion that he be allowed to withdraw from the Committee appointed to make arrangements for handling suits referred to. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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At the meeting of the Trustees July 24, 1945, the matter of the application of Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for purchase of the islands located in Biscayne Bay, Florida, as described in the case of Charles H. Crandon, et al, vs. Millard F. Caldwell, as Governor of the State of Florida, et al, came up for consideration. A report was made by Julius F. Parker, special attorney for the Trustees, of an investigation made by him of situation relative to the lands sought to be bought by Mr. Horobin.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin also appeared before the Board in connection with the matter.

After having duly considered the offer of the said Thomas H. Horobin, it was moved by Attorney General Watson that the offer for the purchase of lands, as described in the application and in the lawsuit above referred to, be rejected and that the lands be not sold. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted with the following vote: Ayes—Governor Caldwell, Mr. Larson, Mr. Watson and Mr. Mayo. Nays, none.

Mr. Parker informed the Board that based on action taken he would request the Court to dismiss the suits and would like to have certified copy of the Minutes to file with the request for dismissal. The Secretary was requested to furnish the necessary copies to Mr. Parker.



Application postponed from last week was presented from Thomas H. Horobin for purchase of approximately 2500 acres of submerged lands and keys lying between Key Biscayne and Elliott's Key in Townships 55, 56 and 57 South, Ranges 41 and 42 East, Dade County, for which he offered \$100,000.00. Mr. Wells reported that two objections had been filed to sale of this area.

Mr. Julius F. Parker informed the Trustees that he had appeared before a joint meeting of the City and County officials of Miami and Dade County and asked if there would be any objection to such sale. The subject was discussed but no official notice given that there would be no objections; that the City and County were very eager to get the bridges and right of way for the scenic highway down the keys, a proposal having been made to them by Mr. Horobin that he would purchase the land from the State, provide the right of way and construct the bridges if the City and County would withdraw objections to sale of an island he desired to purchase from the State. Mr. Mark Wilcox, as representative of the County, promised to have further hearings and notify Mr. Parker of the position of the officials.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the area for objections, based on offer of \$100,000.00 from Mr. Horobin. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

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Offer of \$1000.00 an acre was presented from Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of Point Holding Company, for purchase of 33.40 acres of submerged land lying immediately North of the Seventy-Ninth Street Causeway and East of the holdings of Radio Station WIOD, in Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer of \$1000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, the Attorney General voting No.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following offers be declined:

Offer of \$1000.00 from V. L. Barothy for purchase of a small key known as Wilson Key and a strip between the key and the Overseas Highway, containing approximately 8 acres in Monroe County, the Key now being under lease to Mr. Barothy;

Offer of \$350.00 from C. A. Peters, on behalf of Hugh and James Peters, for purchase of a key in Card Sound described as an Island known as East Arsnicker Key in Section 24, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, comprising approximately 10 acres in Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Application was presented from A. P. Bethel of Orlando, Florida, for reclaimed land adjacent to his upland property on Lake Conway, between his property line and the water's edge, containing 0.83 of an acre in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Bethel subject to advertisement for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from S. D. Stratton of Bayard, Florida, for

Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to decline the offer of \$5.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the section for bids provided applicant agrees to offer not less than \$10.00 an acre at sale; also that the land be appraised. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from H. C. Sullivan of Frostproof, Florida, for

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, Township 39 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Sullivan and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided applicant will bid not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mrs. Florence Smith of Miami Beach, Florida, makes application to purchase the following described parcel for which she offers \$300:

North 100 feet of the South 200 feet of Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, containing 0.56 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections, based on offer of \$300.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$150.00 was presented from Gene M. Speer of Orlando, Florida, for purchase of

Lots 3, 9 and 10, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, Orange County, containing 13.8 acres on Lake Picket, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for bids, based on offer of \$150.00 from Mr. Speer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following offers for State land:

G. L. Miller of Miami, Florida—Offer of \$1.50 an acre for unsurveyed Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East, and \$5.00 an acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$  & SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 47 South, Range 30 East, Collier County;

Valdemar T. Fearis of Chipley, Florida—Offer of \$100.00 for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 14 West, Washington County;

L. S. Davis of Oldtown, Florida—Offer of \$300.00 for South 80 acres of Lots 2 and 10, Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Dixie County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Trustees deferred consideration on request from Doyle E. Carlton, representing Humble Oil & Refining Company, for disposition of lease which was authorized by the Trustees sometime ago covering a five-acre strip of land in Collier County, the preparation of the lease having been referred to the Attorney General and report not having been submitted from that office.

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Mr. Wells reported high bid of \$56.00 an acre from Mr. Bob Bannerman, on behalf of J. E. Dodson, was received for Dade County land advertised for bids. Disposition of the sale was deferred and appraisal made of the property, placing a value thereon of \$62.50 an acre.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$56.00 and make counter proposal to accept \$65.00 an acre for land described as:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28,  
Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following requests be denied:

R. G. Johnson, Jr.—Offer of \$10.00 an acre for Sections 7, 9 and 11, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County;

A. L. Hills—Offer of \$100.00 an acre for SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Offer of \$4.00 an acre was presented from D. P. McKenzie for the following described land:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Levy County.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr.



McKenzie and agreed to make counter proposal to accept \$5.00 an acre for the land.

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Request was presented from Ward & Ward, on behalf of client, that the Trustees cancel the canal reservations retained in deed from the State conveying land in

Section 35, Township 53 South, Range 40 East,  
Dade County.

Information was furnished that the property has been purchased for a factory site to carry out certain war contracts and it is feared that the reservations will interfere with Government financing.

Without objection, the request was referred to Mr. Elliot for report and recommendation.

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Application was submitted from McCune, Hiaasen & Fleming of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of Florida Realty Sales, Inc., for purchase of submerged land in Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, containing approximately  $9\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Broward County. Land is located adjacent to upland property of applicants and an offer of \$150.00 an acre is submitted.

Action was deferred on the application, pending report from Land Appraiser.

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Request for issuance of quitclaim deed by the Trustees was presented from John C. Gramling, on behalf of Dr. Fuad Hanna, for the purpose of conveying 0.42 of an acre, or 178.38 feet x 100.61 feet, being an extension of Dr. Hanna's property on South Bayshore Drive, Miami. Offer of \$250.00 was made for the parcel.

The Trustees having recently made sales at \$1000.00 an acre for similar areas, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$250.00 and agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, provided Dr. Hanna will offer \$1000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for land under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/20/44	1
Bay	6/4/45	44
Bay	6/18/45	104
Brevard	5/23/45	1
Brevard	6/27/45	40
Broward	5/21/45	509
Broward	6/18/45	401
Charlotte	6/11/45	4
Dade	6/6/45	63
Gadsden	7/7/45	12
Gulf	7/9/45	3
Gulf	7/23/45	1
Hamilton	6/18/45	2
Hardee	5/7/45	16
Hernando	7/21/45	3
Hillsborough	6/5/45	97
Jefferson	6/4/45	1
Levy	7/9/45	1
Madison	7/2/45	10
Madison	7/16/45	1
Martin	7/2/45	4
Nassau	7/9/45	7
Okaloosa	9/13/43	1
Osceola	6/25/45	36
Palm Beach	3/9/45	7
Palm Beach	5/4/45	553
Pasco	6/4/45	1
Polk	5/31/45	84
Suwannee	7/7/45	5
Taylor	6/22/45	1
Union	7/2/45	1
Volusia	5/7/45	17
Volusia	5/8/45	1
Washington	6/4/45	22

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. J. Lewis Hall presented request from Simonhoff & Simonhoff of Miami, Florida, for deed to certain

land in Dade County—Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East—involved in the M. L. Benedum oil lease. Mr. Hall explained that the land had been advertised for joint sale by the State and Everglades Drainage District but in the meantime oil lease was granted to Mr. Benedum and the Trustees withdrew the land from sale. Everglades Drainage District executed, and the Clerk delivered, deed from the District but no deed was issued by the Trustees. Applicants now request deed from the Trustees in order to clear title and avoid litigation, and agree to recognize the rights of the lease to Mr. Benedum.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Hall take the matter up with Mr. Elliot for investigation and his recommendations. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from City of Leesburg for conveyance of 98 lots on which the City holds unpaid tax liens for many years. Information was furnished that the lots and acreage comprise a total of approximately 15 acres and the offer of \$500.00 averages \$33.33 an acre or \$5.10 per lot. Lake County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of the lots applied for upon payment of \$500.00; deed to contain a clause requiring the City to give former owners opportunity to reacquire the property for a period of ninety (90) days after date of deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the City of Palatka for six lots in Lemon Street Heights with offer of \$100.00 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Putnam County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of the lots applied for by City of Palatka. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Vero Beach for conveyance under Chapter 21684 of Lot 10, Block 3, Knight's Addition to Edgewood. Offer from the City was \$15.00 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from City of Vero Beach and authorize deed under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Clerk of Hillsborough County for correction deed in favor of Thomas C. Johnson, original Deed No. 3782 dated January 27, 1945, having given the wrong initials.

The Attorney General's Office having reported that it was in order to make such correction, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Hillsborough County Deed No. 3782-Cor. be executed in favor of Thomas C. Johnson, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from City of Sarasota for conveyance of 58 lots within the city limits, with offer of \$1.00 per lot. Information was furnished that the lots are all vacant and unimproved and were embraced in foreclosure suit by the City prior to June 9, 1939, but deed was not issued until after operation of the Murphy Act—Section 9. Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to authorize conveyance of the lots applied for upon payment of \$1.00 per lot; deed to be executed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, and contain a clause requiring the City to give former owners ninety (90) days within which to reacquire title. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from J. W. Bowen that the Trustees take action to clear the records in a case involving Washington County Certificates No. 288 of 1931 and No. 793 of 1933. Statement was made that Mr. Bowen purchased tax deed in 1941 on

Lot "J" or NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9,  
Township 4 North, Range 14 West,

and redeemed all outstanding taxes; that Certificates No. 288 and No. 793 were certified to the State under the Murphy Act as covering

Lot "J"—W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .



Washington County Clerk furnished statement that there is no such land as Lot "J" in the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the land covered by the two certificates for the reason that they were erroneously certified, and recommend to the Comptroller cancellation thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Ward and Ward, Attorneys of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Mollie Sanford Bush, for correction deed in the name of Mollie Sanford Bush, in lieu of original Monroe County Deed No. 187 in favor of Franklin C. Bush dated June 27, 1940. Information was furnished that before deed was executed Franklin C. Bush had died and correction deed was requested issued to his wife as executrix under his will. The request having been referred to the Attorney General for examination, his recommendation is that correction deed be issued to Mollie Sanford Bush, as Executrix under the Last Will and Testament of Franklin C. Bush, deceased.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Monroe County Deed No. 187-Cor. be executed in favor of Mrs. Bush as recommended by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from the City of Miami for deed under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, and filing certificate of former ownership to certain lots in Pullman Park S/D and in S/D of Blocks 71 and 72, Miami North. The City offered \$1.00 per parcel for the lot and requested that the Trustees cancel sale advertised for July 27th. Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, that the request be denied and the City required to pay bid at sale, as offered by applicant to purchase. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Application was submitted from the City of Clermont for issuance of deed covering two lots in Riviera Heights, which were omitted through error when deed

was requested recently to 589 lots. The City offered \$5.00 for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of the City of Clermont conveying

Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Riviera Heights S/D of  
Clermont, Lake County;

consideration for deed to be \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from D. H. and Belva Wilkinson that the Trustees execute correction deed to them as Trustees instead of to Orange State Corporation, statement being made that they are the only surviving trustees of the dissolved corporation.

The Attorney General having advised that it was proper to grant such request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute Pinellas County Correction Deed No. 2389-Cor. in favor of D. H. and Belva Wilkinson, Trustees for Orange State Corporation, based on the statements made, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Clerk of the Court of Clay County that he be allowed to advertise 289 parcels of boom-time property upon application of the former owner, Mrs. L. M. Hankins, with base bid of \$200.00; also that he be authorized to waive the rule requiring notices mailed to former owners, and further that bids be requested on the entire tract rather than on separate parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Clerk be allowed to advertise the lots in Neilhurst S/D of Township 4 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, with a base bid of \$200.00; that the rule be waived requiring notice to former owner—former owner being applicant—but that the Clerk be instructed to announce that bids would be received on the tract as a whole, and then ask if anyone desires to bid on separate tracts, reporting the highest over-all bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for correction deeds involving sales of land in Duval and Volusia Counties, and the Secretary explained the errors in each deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the following correction deeds:

Duval County Deed No. 2491-Cor.—To correct name of **Ruby** Schuldt to read **Rudy** Schuldt;

Duval County Deed No. 2345-Cor.—To correct name of Mitchell **Harris** to read Mitchell **Horns**;

Volusia County Deed No. 1783-Cor.—In favor of Harry Tobias—To correct description from "De-Leon Springs" to "DeLeon Springs Terrace";

Volusia County Deed No. 1949-Cor.—To correct name of **Mary** E. Hutchinson to read **Macie** E. Hutchinson.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of July, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

J. R. Pomeroy Clerk Circuit Court Martin County Stuart, Florida .....	\$15.00
Jess Mathas Clerk Circuit Court Volusia County DeLand, Florida .....	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$23.00</b>

Mr. Elliot reported transfer for the month of July of the following amount to General Revenue Fund from receipts under Chapter 18296:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue .....	\$100,000.00
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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
August 7, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General  
(present part time).  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

Pursuant to application from Julius F. Parker, on behalf of client, Bjarne Ursin of Miami, Florida, the Trustees authorized Dade County land advertised for objections with a bid of \$1,000.00 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on June 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1945:

# NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 7th, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

A parcel of land comprising submerged bottoms in Biscayne Bay lying between the North boundary of N. E. 21st Street and the South boundary of N. E. 22nd Street of Miami, Florida, projected Eastwardly from the South boundary of 22nd Street approximately 460 feet, and from North



boundary of N. E. 21st Street projected Eastwardly approximately 545 feet, comprising an area of approximately 3.7 acres.

(Exact description to be furnished with deed)

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale to Mr. Ursin at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Based on application from William J. Pruitt of Miami, Florida, with offer of \$2500.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized Monroe County land advertised for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in the Key West Citizen on June 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for high bids and objections, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 7th, 1945, the following described lands in MONROE COUNTY:

A mangrove tidal area situated at a point in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, on the South side of State Highway No. 4A, and beginning at a point

approximately 200 yards West of Jew Fish Creek, containing 25 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12, and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Julius F. Parker on behalf of Mr. Pruitt, submitted a bid of \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Larson was of the opinion that the Trustees should have the Appraiser visit that area and make a report on the State's ownership and submit appraisal before any more sales are made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Pruitt, and have appraisal made of land in that vicinity. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

James R. Stockton having offered \$3.00 an acre for land in St. Johns County, the Trustees authorized the advertisement thereof and the following Notice was published in the St. Augustine Record on July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for high bids and objections, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 7th, 1945, the following described lands in ST. JOHNS COUNTY:

Unsurveyed Sections 24, 26 and 36  
Township 5 South, Range 29 East;

Unsurveyed Sections 30 and 31,  
Township 5 South, Range 30 East;

Unsurveyed Sections 6 and 18,  
Township 6 South, Range 30 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, and 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed or presented and the only bid received was from Mr. Stockton, on behalf of Frank E. Hale, Telco Holding Company and Robert R. Milam.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to confirm sale to Mr. Stockton at a price of \$3.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from L. D. McGiboney of Avon Park, Florida, with offer of \$10.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized Highlands County land advertised for competitive bidding and the following Notice was published in the Highlands County Sun on June 30th, July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. August 7th, 1945, for lands in HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, described as follows:

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, Section 3;  
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Section 10;  
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Section 15;  
Lots 4, 5, 6, Section 22;  
Lot 15, Section 23;

all in Township 37 South, Range 33 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes-1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that he had received an offer of \$20.00 an acre from Mr. Tom Conely of Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of Roy Edwards. No other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$20.00 an acre from Mr. Edwards. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Charley Knowles of Fort Myers, Florida, for lands in Hendry County described as:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 17 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 33 East—Offer of \$5.00 an acre, and

All of Sections 19 and 28, Township 45 South, Range 34 East—\$4.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees decline offers submitted from Mr. Knowles for land in Hendry County. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to several applications to purchase Everglades tax certificate land in Broward County, advertisement for bids was authorized and the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Herald on July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 1945:



## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 25, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, to be sold to the highest bidder, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., August 7th, 1945, the following described land in BROWARD COUNTY:

Tract 13 less South 50 ft., Newman's Survey,  
Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East,  
containing 18.54 acres, more or less.

Successful bidder to pay advertising costs. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the Secretary presented the following bids received prior to sale:

Driggers and Remsberg,	\$75.00 an acre or	\$1390.50
M. C. Hanna		875.00
B. E. Lawton		800.00
Andrew Pappert		800.00
Powell Brothers		800.00
R. W. Wilkinson		600.00
W. A. O'Bryan,	\$50.00 an acre or	927.00

Mr. Ernest Klatt raised the bid to \$1500.00; Mr. Wilkinson bid \$1550.00. Final bid of \$1800 was made by Mr. Klatt.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept \$1800.00 cash from Mr. Klatt for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$20.00 an acre was submitted from L. S. Remsberg of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for purchase of the following described Everglades tax certificate land:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 Section 25, Township 49 South, Range 51 East,  
 containing 40 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$20.00 an acre for the land and that counter proposal be made to advertise for competitive bids provided applicant would agree to bid not less than \$50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Mr. Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, reporting that temporary restraining order had been issued in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County, Florida, the style of the case being:

William Burbridge, et al  
 Plaintiffs

vs

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of  
 the State of Florida, et al,  
 Defendants.

Further information was that Mr. Horobin had been requested to have survey made of the depths of water over the land before he could recommend to the Trustees that the sale be made.

Mr. Parker made verbal report with reference to the restraining order and the conditions found when he visited the area sought to be purchased; also as to the sentiment of residents of Dade County, Miami and Miami Beach.

Discussion was had on the subject and also on the request that no further areas be sold by the Trustees in Biscayne Bay.

Mr. Larson expressed the opinion that some resolution should be adopted by the Trustees with reference to sales in Biscayne Bay and furnished each member with copy of a proposed resolution, stating that he did not ask for passage at this time but it was more in the way of a suggestion for working out a policy along the lines set forth.

In discussing the request that no further sales be made in Biscayne Bay, the Governor was of the opinion

he could see no objection to the Land Office furnishing the officials of Dade County, City of Miami and Miami Beach with notice of any proposed sales; that he approved the suggestion made by Mr. Larson that applicants submit proof that land sought to be purchased could legally be sold by the Trustees but he would be opposed to the Trustees agreeing that they would make no further sales in Biscayne Bay without the approval of Dade County.

No action taken on the subject.

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Mr. Elliot presented copy of letter from Mr. Wayne Thomas of Plant City, addressed to Mr. Larson and containing an offer of \$200.00 or \$250.00 for parcel of land in Hillsborough County, title to which vested in the Trustees through foreclosure by the County under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Description of the land is as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 21 East, containing approximately 25 acres in Hillsborough County.

Information was furnished that amount of the Decree was \$1600.49 and that the Trustees had declined to sell any land of this character at a price less than the decree unless recommended by the Board of County Commissioners of that County, in which event the Trustees would require full payment of the State's equity and fee to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the policy of the Trustees be followed in this case, and that Mr. Thomas be notified to so advise his client, V. R. Sims, of such action. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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In pursuance of resolution adopted July 24, 1945, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the Trustees authorize and direct that warrant be drawn in favor of the State Building Fund in amount of \$250,000.00, to be deposited in said fund and made available to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions in pursuance of Chapter 22820.

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Mr. Watson recorded as being present.

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	7/25/45	26
Bay	6/4/45	1
Charlotte	7/9/45	7
Citrus	6/12/45	6
Clay	7/7/45	18
Clay	7/28/45	3
Columbia	7/2/45	9
Columbia	7/16/45	3
Dade	6/15/45	61
Dade	6/20/45	11
Dade	6/2/45	12
Dade	6/27/45	50
Escambia	7/12/45	8
Gadsden	7/7/45	2
Hamilton	5/7/45	1
Hardee	5/7/45	1
Hendry	5/1/45	89
Indian River	7/23/45	13
Jackson	7/16/45	12
Lee	6/6/45	118
Manatee	7/2/45	18
Palm Beach	5/4/45	4
Palm Beach	5/4/45	1
Seminole	7/9/45	37
Sumter	7/2/45	28
St. Johns	6/8/45	30
Taylor	6/29/45	2
Volusia	5/7/45	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from the Attorney General, pursuant to request from the Trustees for opinion on



whether or not title vested in the State under Chapter 18296 by means of the lien of delinquent taxes for 1933 where no certificate was issued for 1933 taxes.

Opinion of the Attorney General was in the affirmative, a former opinion rendered in 1941 being reaffirmed, with the additional statement that he would not apply the same ruling to delinquencies for 1934 for the reason that the certificate might not be issued in time to bring the land involved within the two-year period of the statute.

In view of the opinion of the Attorney General, the Secretary presented several deeds conveying Pinellas County land which had been held up until the question of the 1933 certificates could be settled.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson to approve the opinion of the Attorney General and authorize execution and delivery of Pinellas County deeds as follows:

- No. 2443 in favor of Robina Tillinghast
- No. 2447 in favor of Clarence H. Chesbro
- No. 2464 in favor of Charles S. Schuh
- No. 2475 in favor of Pearl Fisher
- No. 2491 in favor of Emma Clark
- No. 2807 in favor of Benjamin Sutton,

information having been furnished that title to land covered thereby came to the State based on 1933 delinquencies. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. J. Lewis Hall, representing Simonhoff and Simonhoff, presented suggested resolution for adoption by the Trustees, which, if adopted, would authorize sale of the land in question to his clients but would retain control in the Trustees of the oil lease.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the proposed resolution and application be referred to the Attorney General for examination and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson called attention to a frequent practice of transacting business affecting the Trustees without the Secretary being present to take

the Minutes on the subject, resulting in no record of the action taken. He suggested that the Trustees adopt a policy of never taking up matters pertaining to the Trustees without having Miss Dedge present to take the Minutes.

The Governor suggested that a general policy might be adopted to not revert from one Board to another before finishing with the business of the first Board, and at all times have the appropriate secretary present when that particular Board is in session.

The suggestions were agreed to and the policy adopted.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson having reference to request from Assemblies of God Church at Richland, Florida, that the Trustees take proper action to cancel Pasco County Deed No. 768 issued to H. J. and E. J. Lane, as to Lot 4, Block 5, Tier 2, Richland, information having been furnished that the lot was formerly owned by the Church and the church building was erected thereon. A memorandum was attached reviewing the circumstances and the Attorney General recommended that the State not take the initiative in bringing any proceedings to eject the adverse claimant to the property, but should offer the church their support in any suit brought by the church for recovery of same.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the recommendation of the Attorney General be approved and that the attorney for the Church be so advised. Upon vote the motion was carried.

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Letter was presented from the Attorney General giving opinion on the question of whether or not conveyance could be made of land under the Murphy Act to Boards of Public Instruction under the provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. The opinion in substance was that the Trustees could only "Withdraw tracts or parcels from public sale considered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to be valuable for public purposes, and dedicate such tracts or parcels to such public use considered necessary and proper by the said Trustees." The opinion was conditioned, however, upon the land applied for by the

county being used by the board for educational purposes in the county.

The Secretary suggested that it might be proper to execute deeds to the municipalities in which the lands are located and such municipalities could then convey the property to the school boards.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that disposition of the requests from Lake, Seminole and Sumter Counties be deferred pending applications being received from the towns in which the property applied for is located. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Brevard County desired in connection with State Road No. 24.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department through

Lot 1, Block 24, Plat of Melbourne, Florida, in  
Sections 2 and 3, Township 28 South, Range  
37 East,

to be used in connection with Road No. 24, Project 1126—SRD No. 18. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from A. C. Strecker for release of right of way through land conveyed by the Trustees in Hillsborough County Deed No. 3417 to Claire B. Alsobrook.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that recommendation had been received from the State Road Department that the release be authorized as the parcel would not be needed for road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Hillsborough County Quitclaim Deed No. 3417 in favor of A. C. Strecker, present owner, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson recommending adoption of resolution in connection

with sale to Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District of Murphy Act land in Hillsborough County, terms of sale having heretofore been agreed upon. Deed was also presented with clause inserted therein providing for carrying out sales to former owners.

Mr. Watson explained the reasons for adoption of the resolution and for inserting the clause in the deed and recommended the adoption of both and execution of the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the following Resolution be adopted and that the deed as presented be executed:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on December 19, 1944, as disclosed by minutes of that date, agreed to sell certain Murphy Act land to Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District for consideration at the rate of fifty cents per acre, and the further consideration as set forth in said minutes that "it being understood that the District will allow former owners the privilege of regaining (the State) title from the District at the same price paid the Trustees," etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the part of said consideration in reference to privilege to former owners shall be carried out by the District as follows: That up to and including December 1, 1945, the former owner of any of said lands on June 9, 1939, located in said district, and which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, shall have the privilege of reacquiring the land at a price of fifty cents per acre, or fraction of an acre, plus accumulated district taxes through the year 1944; that a list of said lands shall be made available up to the date December 1, 1945, aforesaid, in the office of said District at Tampa, Florida.

The conditions hereof shall be agreed to by Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of August, 1945.

/s/ MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:  
/s/ F. C. ELLIOT  
Secretary.



AGREED TO BY SOUTHWEST TAMPA  
STORM SEWER DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

By /s/ LEM P. WOODS  
President Pro Tem,  
Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:  
/s/ MARY HAMILTON  
Secretary, Board of  
Supervisors.

DATED: AUGUST 10, 1945.

Application was presented from Florida Forest and Park Service for disposition of Murphy Act certificates on Suwannee County land which has been owned by the Florida Board of Forests and Parks since 1936. It was suggested by the Secretary the land could be deeded under provisions of Chapter 21684 without advertisement and sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, of the following described land:

Lots 2, 5, 6, Section 7, and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 12 East,  
Suwannee County,

consideration to be \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County presenting protest from Ralph Geiger to sale of land to Dibrell Duncan Smith and Helen Nan Smith covering

Lots 3 to 10, Block 11, Groveland.

Information was furnished that protest is filed by a non-owner and Mr. Smith, successful bidder at sale, is now in the Army.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that in view of the circumstances, the protest be denied and sale consummated to highest bidder at sale.

Request was presented from City of St. Augustine that the Trustees reconsider action fixing a price of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value as consideration for

Lots 24, 25, 26 and 27, Block E, Wildwood Park  
S/D—St. Johns County,

statement being made that the land is to be used for public park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees rescind former action and authorize conveyance of the lots under Chapter 21684 for consideration of \$5.00, conditioned that the land be used for public park purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Florida East Coast Railway Company requesting that the Trustees authorize sale of a small parcel of land to North St. Lucie River Drainage District in order that the Railroad Company may acquire right of way for Fort Pierce Cut-off.

Application having been received from North St. Lucie River Drainage District to purchase

Lot 60, Block B, Maravilla Heights S/D, Section 28, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County,

and offer made of one-fourth the 1932 assessed value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize deed under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, conveying the lot to the District, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the following report submitted by the Special Case Committee and adopt recommendations made as the action of the Trustees:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
August 4, 1945.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund  
CAPITOL

Re: Report on Murphy sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the

Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbering from 359 to 382, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 359 to 382, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours  
 NATHAN MAYO  
 Commissioner of Agriculture  
 J. EDWIN LARSON  
 Treasurer  
 J. TOM WATSON  
 Attorney General

M/h/s  
 Encls.

Upon vote the motion was duly carried.

Application was presented from City of Apalachicola for conveyance of Murphy Act land to be used as a city cemetery. The City made an offer of \$93.75 for the tract, which is in excess of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from the City of Apalachicola for

Lots 7 to 16, Block B—Cottage Hill  
 Lots 8 to 12, Block 203, Greater Apalachicola,  
 Franklin County,

and authorize deed issued under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Budget Commission this date, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve salary increase of 16½% for Jentye Dedge under Chapter 610, and 10% increase in salaries of Ernest Hewitt, Helen Phillips, Mary Voss, J. R. Roberts, Vivian Dedicos, Mildred Scott and Jentye Dedge, under the Murphy Act. Motion duly adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
August 14, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Julius F. Parker of Tallahassee, and Captain R. C. Whitener of Montbrook, Florida, offer \$7320.00 for the purchase of 7320 acres of land in Levy County, title to which vested in the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Mr. Parker presented a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County recommending sale at the price offered, and explained that an act of the 1945 Legislature provided for advertisement of the land at public sale.

Information was furnished that title to the land vested in the Trustees through foreclosure by the County under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Discussion was had on the two Acts and the opinion was expressed that there was some doubt as to the constitutionality of the 1945 Act.



Governor Caldwell stated that he did not think the Trustees had a question before them at this time as there was no evidence that the laws had been complied with, but if the Board was satisfied that the laws had been complied with and Captain Whitener was willing to assume responsibility for title, he would raise no objection to approving the sale.

Mr. Mayo expressed the opinion that the land had not been advertised and submitted a letter to the land office in which the Clerk stated the land would be advertised for sale in October.

No action was taken on the application.

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Mr. A. R. Richardson asked if the Trustees would be agreeable to an exchange of land with Brown Company in order to block up holdings of both the State and the Company. Sections 15, 23, 25, 27 and 35 of Township 46 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, owned by the State, were requested in exchange for certain sections owned by Brown Company.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees indicated they would be favorable to the proposal if satisfactory exchange could be worked out and requested that Mr. Richardson have his client make the proposal in writing accompanied by two colored maps, one showing ownership of the State and one showing Brown Company's holding, with the sections desired to be exchanged. It was so agreed.

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Application was presented from Dewey D. Allen, Inglis, Florida, offering \$300.00 for timber on the following described land:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14 and Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 of Section 36, all in Township 16 South, Range 15 East, containing 611.95 acres in Levy County.

The Land Clerk presented report from the Land Appraiser giving the value of the timber in Section 14 as \$200.00 and on the land as \$400.00, and in Section 36 as \$160.00 for the timber and \$3.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$300.00 and make counter proposal to accept \$400.00 for the timber allowing two years for removal. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees deferred action pending appraisal on land applied for by G. L. Miller of Miami, Florida, said land and offers being as follows:

\$3.00 an acre for Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East—640 acres, and

\$3.00 an acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 47 South, Range 30 East—480 acres, all in Collier County.

Mr. J. L. McCord, on behalf of Miami Shipbuilding Corporation, presented request that the Trustees consummate modification of Oil Lease No. 340, dated October 27, 1943, in favor of Florida Oil and Refining Company and later assigned to Miami Shipbuilding Corporation. It was explained that action was taken by the Trustees February 18, 1944, authorizing exchange of certain lands within the leased area for other State lands not included in the lease all as set forth in letter from the Corporation February 18, 1944; that the agreement had not been concluded on account of the Blanchard litigation, but the exchange of lands had been worked out and the Company would like to have necessary instruments executed as soon as possible.

The Minutes of February 18, 1944, were read and discussed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees follow the agreement as set forth in the minutes of February 18, 1944, and refer the matter to the Attorney General for preparation of the necessary exchange papers. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Financial Statements for the month of July 1945 are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

BALANCE as of July 1, 1945 .....\$436,747.73

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$27,273.24
Agricultural Leases .....	1,100.63
Mineral Leases .....	37.50
Timber Leases .....	429.85
Grazing Lease .....	265.98
Shell Leases .....	123.10

Miscellaneous Lease .....	.75	
Radio Location .....	85.00	
Interest received on Contract No. 18,582 .....	32.18	
Certified Copy of Minutes of Trustees .....	3.50	
Reimbursement by Land Purchaser of Everglades Drainage Dis. Taxes .....	4,416.99	
Refund by Tax Collector, Excess Payment of Everglades Dis. Taxes .....	166.90	
Total receipts for the month of July, 1945 .....	33,935.62	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$470,683.35</b>	
Less Disbursements for the month of July, 1945 .....	4,122.20	
<b>BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1945</b> .....	<b>\$466,561.15</b>	

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
7-1-45	281539	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer of 3% .....	\$ 2,927.20
7-31-45	8364	F. C. Elliot .....	320.95
	8365	M. O. Barco .....	152.80
	8366	Jentye Dedge .....	161.10
	8367	H. L. Shearer .....	71.25
	8368	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	8370	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	8371	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
		Withholding Tax .....	177.80
		5% Retirement Deduction .....	59.75

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1945</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,122.20</b>
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## UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of July 1, 1945 .....	\$16,382.35
Receipts .....	—0—
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$16,382.35</b>

Disbursements for the Month .....	—0—
BALANCE as of July 31, 1945 .....	\$16,382.35

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of July 1, 1945 .....	\$109,952.68
Receipts for the Month .....	\$18,903.89
Less Returned Checks (Luan W. Pitt) .....	215.00 18,688.89
Total .....	\$128,641.57
Less Disbursements for the month .....	101,155.00
BALANCE as of July 31, 1945 .....	\$ 27,486.57

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
7-31-45	8352	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 219.40
	8353	Helen Phillips .....	146.85
	8354	Mary Evans Voss .....	128.00
	8355	J. R. Roberts .....	163.45
	8356	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	8357	Jentye Dedge .....	23.75
	8358	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	8359	Mildred F. Scott .....	129.40
	8360	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	103.55
	9825	J. Edwin Larson, ST—Trans- fer to GR .....	100,000.00
		Withholding Tax .....	111.60
		5% Retirement Deduction .....	57.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1945 .....			\$101,155.00

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	7/25/45	2
DeSoto	8/6/45	1
Escambia	8/3/45	2
Lake	7/14/45	3
Pasco	6/4/45	18
Pasco	7/2/45	20
Saint Lucie	7/2/45	16
Santa Rosa	7/2/45	19
St. Johns	6/8/45	1
Taylor	3/23/45	2
Volusia	7/2/45	70
Washington	8/1/44	1
Washington	5/7/45	1
Washington	6/4/45	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Marion County for use in connection with State Road No. 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department through land

In Sections 8, 9, 16 and 33, Township 12 South, Range 21 East, and

In Sections 3, 10 and 15, Township 13 South, Range 21 East,

to be used for purposes of State Road No. 2—Project 3603-104—SRD. No. 156. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. Larson called attention to Clay County case which was presented to the Trustees at the meeting July 31st and action taken authorizing the Clerk to waive notice to former owner—applicant to purchase, L. M. Hankins, being former owner of the property—but

requiring that separate bids be allowed if anyone desired to make such bid.

The Clerk now requests that the Trustees reconsider action on the last point and allow sale of the tract as a whole.

The Trustees were of the opinion that separate bids should not be shut out as the law requires the highest and best bid.

Governor Caldwell suggested that the Clerk be notified to receive bids on the whole tract, then announce that bids would be received on separate parcels, after which the remainder of the tract would be offered for sale. After all bids are in, ascertain whether bid on the whole tract is greater than bids on the separate tracts plus bid on the remaining parcels, and report the higher bid to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the suggestion of the Governor be adopted as the action of the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
August 27, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 6.05
Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County .....	34.80
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Dade County .....	1.45
Gregory & Gregory, Tampa .....	36.25
Mickler and Mickler, St. Augustine .....	1,000.00
The Key West Citizen, Key West .....	10.50
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	62.18
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	11.26
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	233.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,390.49</b>

#### SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee \$	3.17
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	33.55
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	130.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,304.22</b>

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 11, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General (Present  
part time).  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Fred J. Stewart, Port Engineer for Broward County Port Authority, presented written application for deeds and easements to certain areas for the purpose of maintaining and rebuilding structures which are in existence. Attention was called to action taken by the Trustees March 27th and October 3rd, 1944, authorizing sale of lands in Township 50 South, Range 42 East, New River Sound, Broward County, to Beatty, Horton and Stadler, clients of J. A. Fitzsimmons, and to the Port Authority; also tentative agreement that there would be no objection to the Trustees granting an easement to a maintenance strip along the outside of the north and south jetties. Mr. Stewart further stated that application was made to the Trustees January 23, 1945, for deeds and easements which would properly protect the public interests which own and operate Port Everglades; that if existing conditions would not permit granting deeds to the property that perpetual easements be authorized, and later when conditions permitted that deeds be then issued.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Elliot explained that the position taken by Mr. Fitzsimmons was that Government Lot 6 having been eroded any accretion would belong to his clients who own adjoining land; that they would have no objection to easements being granted the Port Authority for maintenance strips but preferred that



title not pass until the Courts had decided the questions raised by his clients.

The Trustees having recently requested the Attorney General to take up with Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mr. Robert Angas the questions being litigated in connection with New River Sound areas, and then present the case to the Board, it was decided that no action be taken on application from Broward County Port Authority at this time but that a date be arranged when all parties may be present and the Attorney General prepared to make his report. It was so agreed.

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Mr. Watson recorded as being present.

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Mr. David S. Picton, representing J. P. Scranton, requested that the Trustees agree to assignment of Oil Leases No. 228 and 344 of all the rights and interest of J. P. Scranton to the Gulf Oil Corporation. It was explained that under the terms of the contracts Lessee would have to get the approval of the Trustees before assignment could be made to another party and that the company to which the leases would be assigned would assume all the requirements under the leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to assignment of Leases 228 and 344 from J. P. Scranton to Gulf Oil Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Lawrence Truett and Mr. Basil Lucas, representing M. L. Benedum and O. D. Robinson, requested that the Trustees execute oil, gas and mineral lease in favor of their clients pursuant to resolution of April 18, 1944, agreeing to lease certain lands owned by the State in fee, Murphy Act lands and the reserved oil interest in Dade County lands heretofore sold by the State, said lands being classed as "A," "B" and "C."

Mr. Truett explained that following adoption of the resolution the preparation of the lease was referred to the Attorney General who favored entering into a working agreement rather than a lease; that under the provisions of the resolutions a well was to have been commenced eleven months from April 18, 1944; that in the meantime an extension of six months was granted applicants, but said extension will expire the 18th of

September 1945, and it is urgent that contracts be signed so that work can be started. Mr. Truett also informed the Board that his clients would pay full rental from April 18, 1944, but desired the leases dated October 18, 1944, in order that they have till March of 1946 to carry out the drilling obligations.

Mr. Leitner, Assistant Attorney General, explained the different classes of land covered by the contracts—Murphy Act land, fee simple land and reserved oil interest in land sold by the State prior to October 18, 1944—comprising a total of 48,197.03 acres in all.

Mr. Watson explained that his recommendation was that an operational contract be entered into which gives five years within which to drill on the land under contract; that he wanted the Trustees to understand that the contract in question involves 48,000 acres and runs for five years with rental at fifteen cents (15¢) an acre.

Mr. Truett brought out that the original application contemplated only one lease but the Attorney General was of the opinion that there should be two leases, one covering land and another for the reserved interest in land already sold; that his clients were agreeable to that but it meant the drilling of two wells within five years rather than one.

Attorney General Watson stated that lease of the Murphy Act land was agreed to by him, notwithstanding his heretofore expressed opinion—that the State does not have authority to lease these lands—because the lessee assumes full liability for this possible lack of authority. Mr. Truett replied that his clients assumed full responsibility.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Truett's clients and authorize lease and agreement to be dated October 18, 1944. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. H. P. Adair, Attorney of Jacksonville, Florida, came before the Trustees on behalf of clients, Estate of James Deering, and reviewed the history of sale involving 9 shoals in Biscayne Bay sold to his clients in 1942; also purchase of area from which to take fill material. He informed the Board that he understood Mr. Thomas H. Horobin had applied for an area running from Key Biscayne down to Sands Key and that

the Trustees had agreed to advertise it for sale; that one of the proposed islands conflicts with land purchased by the Deering Estate, and he would like to be heard when Mr. Horobin comes before the Board on this matter. Mr. Adair also asked that the Trustees look into the matter of a fishing camp lease granted B. E. Johnson, which also involves an area purchased by his clients.

Mr. Wells stated that a lease had been authorized in favor of Mr. Johnson but the executed instrument had not been delivered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the lease in favor of Mr. Johnson be held in abeyance until it could be determined whether or not the land had been sold to clients of Mr. Adair. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Larson also asked that suggested resolution presented by him be called up for consideration as it affected Biscayne Bay lands under the jurisdiction of the Trustees. No action taken.

Mr. Adair stated that he was informed that another lease had been applied for covering land of his clients but did not know whether or not it had been granted, to which Mr. Wells replied that application had been received from Jack Latham and if the land had been sold he would be notified that the Trustees did not have title.

Mr. Adair was assured that he would be notified of the date when Mr. Horobin would be present and that he would be given an opportunity to be heard at the same time.

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Mr. Watson submitted written report on investigation of the cutting of a canal from Lake Jackson, in Osceola County, to Lake Kissimmee, a distance of about three or four miles. Report was in substance as follows:

Personal examination of the condition was made by Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, in company with two conservation officers of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, August 10th. The canal was cut by Mr. W. C. Mann, who owns approximately all the

land around Lake Jackson, and is probably the third largest cattle owner in that country. Canal is about 20 feet wide and when first completed was 6 to 8 feet deep but is now 5 to 6 feet deep. Excavation of the canal was started in 1944 from Lake Kissimmee and was dug to within a few hundred yards of Lake Jackson where it was halted for sometime. Later it was finished almost over night and the water started through at considerable rate. The canal has lowered the level of Lake Kissimmee at least three feet and when the present rainy season is over it will probably be lowered from 2 to 2½ feet more. Elevation of Lake Jackson is higher than Lake Kissimmee and the shore of each lake covers a considerable area, owing to the flat nature of the country. The Conservation officers are of the opinion that "sport fishing" has been considerably damaged by lowering of the water in Lake Jackson, and while they have had no complaint about damage to commercial fishing they do not see why it should have escaped damage. In conference with Mr. Ellis F. Davis, one of the parties protesting, he felt that a practice of this kind should not be allowed, not only from the standpoint of fishing but on account of the promiscuous drainage from other bodies of water.

Mr. Watson advised that either the Trustees or the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission may proceed to bring action against Mr. Mann, criminally and civilly, for cutting the canal into the lakes and lowering the water level.

Discussion was had as to the best method of handling the case and Mr. Mayo suggested that first, Mr. Mann be contacted and advised of violation of the law by him and of the protests filed in connection with cutting the canal; that he felt sure Mr. Mann would see that the condition was remedied if called to his attention.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the matter be referred to Mr. Mayo for taking up with Mr. Mann with a view to having the canal closed and restoring the level of Lake Jackson. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.



Mr. G. E. Ferguson, District Engineer for the U. S. Geological Survey, again requested consideration of participation by the Trustees in the proposed cooperative program of hydrologic surveys of important lake basins in this State. This subject was presented at a previous meeting and referred to Mr. Elliot and Mr. Ferguson to work out a proposal to be submitted to the Board.

Mr. Ferguson explained the program proposed and the participation expected from local sources, such as conservation areas, county boards; that if the State would agree to put up one-fourth and local sources one-fourth the Federal Government would make available the other half.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees allocate up to \$5000.00 for one year, provided local interests would put up a like amount and the Government match State and local funds, and that a contract be worked out along those lines.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to make available \$5000.00 for a period of one year, ending June 30, 1946, for hydrological studies in Florida, the condition upon which such amount will be made available being that it will be matched by local interests and the sum of both will be matched by the Federal Government; that the amount to be made available by the State shall be subject to the working out of an agreement to be executed between the Trustees and the United States Geological Survey. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that upon application of Thos. H. Horobin, on behalf of Theodore R. Potts with offer of \$1000.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized advertisement of Dade County land. The following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st, 1945, with sale set for September 4th:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 25th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee,

Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 4th, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Description of the area lying between the Theodore R. Potts property and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Beginning at a point on the West shore of Biscayne Bay, said point lying 2,090.0 feet more or less east of the east boundary of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Twp. 53 South, Rge. 42 East, and 373.0 feet south of the north line of said section, said point being the southeast corner of ACADIA, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 216, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence easterly along a production of the south line of said ACADIA 1,700.0 feet more or less to a point 250.0 feet distant from the center of the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway; thence in a southwesterly direction, 250.0 feet distant from and parallel to the center of the said Intracoastal Waterway, 380.0 feet more or less to the intersection with the easterly production of the north line of ELMIRA, recorded in Plat Book "B," page 162, Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence westerly along said easterly production of the north line of ELMIRA 2,325.0 feet more or less to the west shore of Biscayne Bay, said point being the northeast corner of ELMIRA; thence in a northeasterly direction along the meanders of the west shore of Biscayne Bay 735.0 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, containing 17.2 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12, and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

On September 4th a quorum of the Trustees was not present, but the sale was called out in the board room and Mr. J. V. Keen protested the sale for R. C. Houser on behalf of Flora G. Simpson Estate on the ground that applicant to purchase (Estate) was not the upland owner. Disposition was deferred until this date.

Mr. Keen was present and explained to the Board that his client had entered into negotiations for sale of the adjoining property to Mr. Potts but the sale had to go through the office of County Judge and is now pending before that officer. He requests that the Trustees do not make sale of the parcel of submerged land, adjoining property of his client, until action has been taken by the Court.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the sale be deferred pending determination by the Court of the proposed sale of the upland property. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Mr. Evans Crary requested that the Trustees give consideration to certain changes requested by Sperti, Inc., in proposed lease providing for the taking of seaweed from which agar agar is produced. Statement was made that the company has spent approximately \$90,000.00 in Florida in starting this enterprise, \$50,000.00 of which is in the plant.

Mr. Lamar Warren, Assistant Attorney General, presented memorandum of the requested changes with recommendations of the Attorney General. The changes were considered separately and the following action taken thereon:

1. Typographical error, which was corrected without objection.
2. Lease provides for period of ten years. Lessee desires option to renew lease for additional ten years upon terms agreeable to the Board. Motion made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to renewal of the lease for an additional period of ten years, subject to agreement by the Trustees as to amount of rent to be paid for the lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

3. Definition of the term "Dry Ton." Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that a "Dry Ton" shall be defined as seaweed containing ten per cent (10%) of moisture and shall be determined by the gross weight adjusted to the agreed percentage of moisture according to methods of analysis, A.C.A.C. Fifth Edition 1940, Section 28, 60, or corresponding sections of subsequent editions of these methods of analysis. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

4. Request by the Company that the language in paragraph "1" of lease providing for payment upon abandonment of the lease, be changed to provide for payment of \$500.00 only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the language in Paragraph "1" of the lease be changed to provide that in the event of abandonment of lease for reasons beyond control of the company that lessee shall be liable for only one additional payment of \$500.00 as liquidated damages. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

5. Under paragraph "2" of the lease, the company desires addition of certain words to clarify the meaning. Assurance being given that there would be no additional rights granted, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize Paragraph "2" changed to read, "Lessee agrees that all seaweed collected under the terms of this lease, after harvesting, shall be delivered to a place of business maintained by Lessee and there weighed, after having been dried," etc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

6. The Company requests that the language in the lease, "harvested by cutting" be changed, for the reason that the seaweed is a floating plant and has no roots on the ground.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the seaweed be gathered in such manner as not to interfere with or affect



any Marine life within the area covered by the lease, the findings of the Conservation Department to be conclusive, subject however to review by the Courts. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

7. The Company requests that the four-foot limitation for taking seaweed be eliminated.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the four-foot limitation be eliminated and the lease provide that the seaweed shall be harvested in such manner as will not interfere with other marine life or its natural reproduction. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

8. The Company desires the 10-day grace period in the event of default of payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the request be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

9. Lessee desires a reasonable time within which to comply with rules and regulations of the State Board of Conservation.

Upon discussion of this point, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the company be allowed a reasonable time not to exceed thirty (30) days for complying with requirements of the Conservation Department.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Attorney General was authorized to make the changes agreed upon for submission to Mr. Crary's clients—Sperti, Inc.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrant in favor of the Attorney General in amount of \$300.00 for use in connection with expense of litigation in Wilson Cypress Company trespass suit: J. Tom Watson, Attorney General, Tallahassee . \$300.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 12, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General (Present  
part time).  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Minutes of the Trustees dated July 31st, August 7th and 14th, 1945, be approved as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting July 31st, the Trustees authorized advertisement of Palm Beach County land, applied for by Mrs. Florence Smith with offer of \$300.00, and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and September 2nd, 1945:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2nd, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 4th, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

The North 100 feet of the South 200 feet of Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, containing .56 of an acre, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was advertised to be sold September 4th, but a quorum of the Trustees was not present and action was deferred until this date. No objections received to the sale, and no other bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mrs. Florence Smith at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only land on Lake Conway applied for by A. P. Bethel with an offer of \$250.00 for the fraction of an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2nd, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 4th, 1945, the following described lands in ORANGE COUNTY:

Begin at the S. W. corner of Lot 1, Block "B," Lake Conway Park as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G," Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run S.  $81^{\circ} 46'$  East 233.3 feet to S. E. corner of Lot 3; thence S.  $25^{\circ} 32'$  West 180 feet along a prolongation of E. line of said Lot 3 to the waters of Lake Conway; thence N.  $71^{\circ} 25'$  W. 236 feet along Lake Conway to the West line of Lot 1 prolonged; thence N.  $30^{\circ}$  E. 140 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.83 acres of land.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were presented or filed to the sale, which was advertised for September 4th, but owing to a quorum not being present disposition was postponed until this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land described in favor of A. P. Bethel at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees authorized advertisement, for objections only, of land in Pinellas County applied for by John C. Blocker, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Aubrey Green with offer of \$125.00 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times in the issues of August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 4th, 1945, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

From the Northwest corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, run South 220 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 11, Block 3, Jos. Puig's Sub., as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 6, Records of Hillsborough County, Florida; thence West to an intersection



with the Government meander line for a P.O.B. Thence West 780 feet, South 200 feet, East 830 feet, more or less, to an intersection with said meander line; thence North along said meander line to the P.O.B., containing  $3\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been presented on September 4th, date advertised for sale, disposition was deferred until this meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Green at the price offered—\$125.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to application from Archie Clement on behalf of Oscar E. Hill, with offer of \$250.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized advertised for competitive bidding land in Pasco County, and the following Notice was published in the Dade City Banner on August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 20th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., September 4th, 1945, for lands in PASCO COUNTY, Florida, described as follows:

Commencing at a corner monument on Township line between Townships 26 and 27 South, said monument being 2781.1 feet west of the Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East run North 57° 05' West, 1768 ft. to island for P.O.B. Thence South 15° 12' West 90 ft. Thence South 12° 13' West 88 ft. Thence South 70° 32' East 100 ft. Thence North 60° 00' East 69 ft. Thence North 11° 00' East 100 ft. Thence North 15° 05' West 100 ft. Thence South 78° 57' West 102.8 ft. to P.O.B., containing 0.70 acres, more or less.

Commencing at a corner monument on Township line between Township 26 and 27 South, said monument being 2781.1 ft. West of the Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East. Run North 54° 52' West 2071 ft. to island for P.O.B. Thence South 40° 16' West 100 ft. Thence South 45° 28' East 61 ft. Thence North 37° 41' East 90 ft. Thence North 35° 09' West 58.7 ft. to P.O.B., containing 0.18 acre, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that the only bid received on date advertised for sale—September 4th—was \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Hill, and action thereon was deferred until this meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize sale of the parcel described to Oscar E. Hill at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees ordered action deferred, pending receipt of appraisal, on application from H. E. Corry and Philip O. Gay of Quincy, Florida, with offer of \$40.00 an acre for the following described land in Bay County:

Lots 2, 5, 6 and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 22;

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, and Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6 of Section 26, all in Township 4 South, Range 15 West.

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Offer of \$4.00 an acre was presented from D. P. McKenzie for land in Levy County described as,

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Levy County.

The Trustees recently declined offer of \$4.00 for this land but agreed to advertise it for bids if Mr. McKenzie would agree to bid \$5.00 an acre. He now asks that the Trustees reconsider former action and accept his offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to sell at \$4.00 an acre, and stand by action to advertise upon a bid of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from L. S. Miller of West Palm Beach, Florida, offering \$50.00 an acre for

A strip of land between the Government meander line in Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 37 East, extending South 1200 feet from North boundary of Section 35, and omitting right of way for State Highway 100 feet wide on West side of center line, between Government meander and Government Levee R/W, containing 11.5 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the land be advertised for competitive bids and objections based on offer of \$50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$1425.00 was submitted from Mr. Walter A. McElfresh of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for

Approximately 9½ acres of submerged land in Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land described for objections only at the price offered, provided Mr. McElfresh furnished proof of ownership to the adjacent upland property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Mrs. W. H. Powell for five-year lease on an area approximately 300 feet fronting the highway and 180 feet deep, lying between Indian Key Bridge and Lignumvitae Channel, in Township 64 South, Range 36 East, Monroe County. An amount of \$50.00 annually was offered for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by the Governor, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of Mrs. Powell at a yearly rental of \$50.00, the lease to carry a clause to the effect that lessee recognizes the title of the Trustees to the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting No.

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Offer of \$50.00 an acre was presented from E. D. Tessier for

Submerged land adjacent to and on the West side of Mud Key, approximating 5 to 6 acres, and the submerged land adjacent to and North of Mud Key, approximating 15 to 18 acres, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at the price offered, but agree to advertise the two parcels for sale provided applicant will agree to bid \$75.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following applications be denied:

Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Alberto Esteves, offered \$12.50 an acre for Sections 13 and 24,



Township 47 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County; and

Johnson & Johnson, on behalf of Wm. F. Dethlefs, offers \$6.00 an acre for approximately 120 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Request was presented from Sea-Bay Corporation of Miami, Florida, for quitclaim deed for the purpose of effecting a closure in description of a parcel of sovereignty land in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Information was furnished that the land was involved in deed from Placer Development Company to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated March 18, 1940; that description had been checked by Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer, and approved for deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that quitclaim deed be issued to Sea-Bay Corporation for the purpose of correcting description in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees June 5, 1945, on offer of \$2400.00 from Colonel V. B. Dixon for land in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, the Attorney General rendered an opinion that

"title to the spoil area remains vested in the Trustees and that riparian rights on the east no longer continue that would enable the lot owners, under Section 253.13, to object to the sale of these lands by the Trustees."

The land having been properly advertised—see notice recorded in June 5th minutes—and opinion received from the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Colonel Dixon for the land advertised at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from John D. Bischoff of Jacksonville, Florida, representing Arlington Cor-

poration, for release of all reservations in Deed No. 16812 dated September 18, 1919, issued to W. E. Motes, conveying Lots 2, 3 and 4 in Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees agree to release canal reservations contained in Deed No. 16812 for a nominal consideration, but decline to release oil and mineral rights. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that the Attorney General's office had completed foreclosure proceedings in connection with Mortgage No. 17389 covering Lots 3 and 4, Tier 17, Newman's Survey, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County; that while the title to the land was in the name of the individual, taxes became delinquent and tax certificates issued; that it will be necessary for the Trustees to redeem the land from said certificates held by individuals in an amount of \$267.80.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize payment of amounts necessary to take up the individual certificates. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from John C. Gramling, on behalf of Dr. Fuad Hanna, agreeing to pay at the rate of \$1000.00 an acre for a small parcel of sovereignty land between his upland property and the channel in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, the Trustees having on July 31st declined to convey at a price of \$250.00 for the 0.42 of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer of \$1000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Harvey W. Seeds Post of the American Legion that the Trustees eliminate all reservations from Deed No. 18259 dated November 14, 1934, conveying a parcel of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, for purposes of the Post exclusively. Mr. Wells furnished information that a special Act had been passed by the Legislature—Chapter 23125—authorizing the Trustees to convey the land without restrictions,

reservations or reversion provisions and that the American Legion Post had agreed that it would be satisfactory for the Trustees to insert a clause in the deed that in the event the land was ever sold Harvey W. Seeds Post would pay to the Trustees \$1,000.00 an acre therefor.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute deed in favor of Harvey W. Seeds Post for the land described in Deed No. 18259, eliminating all restrictions, and reservations, except the clause providing for payment of \$1,000.00 an acre in event of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to action heretofore taken by the Trustees, offer of \$3000.00 was presented from Mrs. Allen Kissam for purchase of three parcels of reclaimed land in Orange County, located on Lake Conway, designated as Tracts "A," "B" and "C," comprising 16.46 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented from Bussey, Mann and Simmons, on behalf of clients who are adjacent owners, offering \$1000.00 for purchase of land in Clearwater Harbor, Pinellas County, in order to clear up disputed ownership of certain land in Township 29 South, Range 15 East. It was explained that applicants claim title to Government Lot 1 of Section 18, and Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 19, in said township and range, and they contend that Lot 1 of Section 18 has either eroded or that the action of the elements has moved this lot into Sections 17 and 20. Official plat in the Land Office does not show any area of land in Sections 17 and 20 at the time the plat was made, but does show Government Lot 1 in Section 18.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that in view of the existing conditions the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only provided applicant will agree to pay \$1500 for the land in Sections 17 and 20, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, containing 49.45 acres in Pinellas County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Samuel A. Patrick for lease or working agreement covering the reserved interest of the Trustees in

400 acres of land in Township 2 North, Range 7 West, Liberty County.

Title to the land is vested in Dr. C. K. Wall who has leased his one-half interest to Mr. Patrick at an annual rental of \$200.00 for a period of ten years. He offers the same amount to the Trustees for a ten-year lease of the State's interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize a ten-year lease or working agreement in favor of Mr. Patrick, covering the retained interest of the State in the oil and minerals in the land described, upon payment of \$200.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that under date of May 1, 1945, the Trustees authorized fishing camp lease in favor of B. E. Johnson involving one-half acre near Marker No. 414, Biscayne Bay in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, for which he paid \$25.00 in advance for one year on a five-year lease; that since this action was taken question has arisen as to whether or not this submerged parcel is now owned by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease in favor of Mr. Johnson be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action, pending additional information, on application from C. D. Outz and Fred Ladd of Newport, for lease of Long Bar extending from a point near Old St. Marks Light House Dock to the channel near No. 6 Buoy, Wakulla County.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson reporting on foreclosure of Hunt & Sumner Mortgage No. 17460—Trustees et al v. Sumner, Chancery No. 23,682. Information was furnished that while title was in the name of Mr. Sumner, taxes became delinquent, tax certificates were issued and a tax deed secured in 1935; that the purchasers of tax deed and Mr. Sumner make claim to an interest in the property and



at a meeting with the Trustees in April of this year an attempt was made to compromise the demands, but this was not effectuated. The tax deed purchaser has brought bill for declaratory decree against the Trustees, representing absolute and indefeasible title to land covered by said tax deed. The Attorney General contends that the Trustees may pursue their former practice of redeeming any such tax deed upon reinstatement of title in the Trustees and advises that his office is prepared to defend title of the land involved.

The Trustees approved the position taken by the Attorney General and his suggestion to defend title of the State in the land. It was so ordered.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees July 11, 1945, letter was presented from Mr. Watson, giving his opinion on whether or not the exploration contract between the Trustees and Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc.—No. 224—was a binding obligation on the Board to give lease covering the area south of the south line of Pasco County. The opinion rendered was in substance that the Trustees are not required to give the said Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc. a lease over the property above described, being that area south of the south line of Pasco County.

The letter was ordered filed, and action on the subject deferred for the present.

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Letter was presented from the Attorney General referring back to the Trustees deed issued in favor of the following parties, conveying land in Palm Beach County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

W. J. Robison,

Babe Mills,

Henry and Ruth DeLoach,

Brady F. Grimsley and Ella Grimsley.

Attention was called to the charge of \$5.00 per deed for release of the oil and mineral reservations. Mr. Watson suggested that if this charge was approved that the deeds be rewritten leaving out of the deed the oil and mineral reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees reaffirm former action making the charge of \$5.00 per deed, but that said deeds be rewritten omitting the reservation clause. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson recorded as being present.

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Mr. Mayo advised that Mr. Willis G. Waldo, Vice-President of Florida Ramie Products, Inc. had been discussing with the Board of State Institutions the leasing of an area at the Belle Glade State Farm for production of ramie, but since the land was owned by the Trustees it would be necessary for the lease to be executed by that Board.

Mr. Waldo presented the following written application for lease of land in Palm Beach County:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 11, 1945.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, Florida Ramie Products, Inc., a Florida corporation, is engaged in producing ramie fiber and the by-products thereof for commercial purposes.

The ramie plant has never been cultivated commercially in the Western Hemisphere. Its possibilities are so great that it should constitute an important staple crop in those portions of the South where climate and soil will permit its successful cultivation.

As growers of ramie and producers of its products, we feel that the more widely its properties and uses are known, the greater our future markets and the stronger the foundations of our business.

We are not prepared, however, to enter into a general program of agricultural and marketing research to cover the multitude of applications

which we already see for the utilization of this remarkable crop.

We have no desire to monopolize these commercial opportunities. We believe that the field is so broad and the opportunities are so great that no one concern should try to obtain them for its exclusive benefit.

We believe that it is of first importance that the public should understand how the use of ramie fiber in combination with cotton will add to the value of the yarn and multiply the opportunities for employing cotton in industry. The same applies to the other commercial fibers. For example, where ramie is combined with rayon, the product is neither rayon nor ramie but a new yarn combining the best features of both. This may also be said of wool, silk and worsted so that ramie becomes a valuable aid to the fibers of commerce rather than their competitor.

We believe that these facts and many others should be confirmed in detail by an independent agency of investigation and that the results should receive the widest publicity.

We, therefore, by this letter do set up a trust fund for the foregoing purposes to be held intact by you as Trustees until the State Legislature shall take appropriate action to authorize the administration of such funds.

In order that the Trustees may have a definite income for the aforesaid purposes we agree to make a monthly contribution into this fund, which shall be at the rate of Two and One-half Dollars (\$2.50) for each ton of ramie processed by us, raised on such land as we have leased or shall lease from time to time from you.

We wish to make it clear that said Trustees shall not be limited to ramie research in the use of these funds but may employ them for any other purpose which, in their judgment, will aid in establishing ramie as a commercial crop within the State of Florida, or for any other purposes

which in the judgment of said Trustees shall be legal and proper under the circumstances.

Trusting that this fund may bring valuable results to the ramie industry and promote the welfare of agriculture in the State of Florida, we are

Respectfully yours,

FLORIDA RAMIE PRODUCTS, INC.,  
a Florida Corporation  
By /s/ Willis G. Waldo

WGWL:h

Vice-President.

Upon discussion of the proposal motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the following lease be executed in favor of Florida Ramie Products and the Trust arrangement be approved, with the understanding that at the next session of the Legislature provision will be asked for distribution of the money received:

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT  
FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
LEASE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS

No. 424

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, hereinafter known as the Lessors, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars to them in hand paid by the Florida Ramie Products, Inc., a Florida Corporation, having its principal office at West Palm Beach, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Lessee, have leased, and do by these presents lease, unto the said Florida Ramie Products, Inc., its successors and assigns, for a period of ten (10) years from September 11, 1945, for field or other crops, the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Palm Beach County, State of Florida:

In Section 19, T. 43 S., R. 37 E. the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section containing about 40 acres more or less; also the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section containing 40 acres more or less; also out



of Section 20 T. 43 S., R. 43 E: that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section lying east of the right of way of the Florida East Coast Railway Company, and containing about 150 acres more or less; also the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section containing about 80 acres more or less.

The said Lessee, its successors and assigns, shall have the full and free rights of ingress and egress to, from and upon said lands for a period of ten (10) years from September 11, 1945, for the purpose of utilizing said land for field and other crops only.

The said Lessee agrees to pay on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning January 1, 1946, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars per acre, for the foregoing land, representing an annual rental on said lease.

The said Lessee, its successors and assigns, will not, without previous license in writing from the said Lessors, or their successors in office, assign, underlet or part with the possession or control of the said premises or any part thereof.

The Lessor reserves the right to harvest, within a period of three weeks from the date hereof, any crop now growing on said land, and grants to the Lessee the right to plow up any portion of such crop remaining after said harvesting period has expired.

The Lessors and their employees shall have free entrance at all reasonable times to view the state and condition of said premises.

It is understood and agreed that the State has heretofore established water control on the leased lands by means of canals, ditches, levees and pumping plants and that such water control may be inadequate for the purposes of the Lessee. If this should be the case, then Lessee hereby agrees to extend and enlarge said water control or any part thereof as in its judgment shall be required for the successful growing of its crop without cost or obligation on the part of the Lessors, and the Lessee further agrees that such additional and supplementary water control which shall include all pumps and pumping plants as it shall place on the leased premises shall become the property of the Lessors at the end of the lease period, free and clear of any encumbrance or indebtedness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seal and have caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, and the said Florida Ramie Products, Inc. has caused this instrument to be signed by their Vice President this 12th day of September, A. D. 1945.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL  
Governor (SEAL)

J. M. LEE  
Comptroller (SEAL)

J. EDWIN LARSON

Attest: F. C. ELLIOT Treasurer (SEAL)  
Secretary

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General (SEAL)

NATHAN MAYO (SEAL)  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
Lessors

FLORIDA RAMIE PRODUCTS,  
Inc., a Florida Corporation.  
By: WILLIS G. WALDO  
Lessee

Witnesses:

SINCLAIR WELLS  
JENTYE DEDGE

Mr. Willis G. Waldo, on behalf of Florida Ramie Products, Inc., informed the Trustees that in connection with company's operations they had applied to the State Road Department for permission to remove approximately four thousand (4000) yards of rock from a pit used by the Road Department under permit from the Trustees; that it was agreeable with the said Department for the rock to be removed by his company subject to approval of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the State Road Department to allow Florida Ramie Products, Inc., to remove up to four thousand (4000) yards of rock from the Borrow Pit used by the Road Department under

permit from the Trustees dated May 20, 1945, located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to so advise the State Road Department.

Mr. Watson excused from attendance.

Financial Statements for the month of August are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1945 .....\$466,561.15

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$48,466.95
Land Sales—Under Chapter 14717 .....	2,163.45
Land Lease—Under Chapter 14572 .....	
—Levy County .....	1.00
Sand & Shell Leases .....	442.77
Mineral Lease .....	18.75
Grazing Lease .....	88.13
Everglades Drainage Dist Tax Re- fund on Nos 18351 & 18512 .....	538.56
Certified Copy of Deed .....	2.00
Copy of Resolution by Town of Riviera Beach .....	2.00
Repayment of Everglades Drainage Dis Taxes Paid on Contract Sale Land .....	6,218.40

Total .....\$57,942.01

Less Returned Check of R. D. Yoder  
on 63-377—Acct non par ..... 164.12

Total Receipts for the Month .....\$57,777.89 57,777.89

TOTAL .....\$524,339.04

Less Disbursements for the Month ..... 2,596.18

BALANCE as of August 31, 1945 .....\$521,742.86

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
8-7-45	14308	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	\$ 99.23
8-10-45	16455	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	8.55

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	16456	Jess Mathas, CCC .....	6.00
	16457	Baxter & Berryhill .....	33.25
	16458	Mickler & Mickler .....	41.20
8-8-45	15395	Comptroller of Florida .....	17.46
8-31-45	31445	F. C. Elliot .....	287.15
	31446	M. O. Barco .....	136.20
	31447	Jentye Dedge .....	185.45
	31448	H. L. Shearer .....	71.25
	31449	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	31450	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	31451	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
	33753	Comptroller of Florida .....	11.26
	33956	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	6.05
	33957	Ted Cabot, CCC .....	34.80
	33958	E. B. Leatherman, CCC .....	1.45
	33959	Gregory & Gregory .....	36.25
	33960	Mickler & Mickler .....	1,000.00
	33961	The Key West Citizen .....	10.50
	33962	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	62.18
		Withholding Tax .....	235.20
		5% Retirement Fund .....	61.40
<b>TOTAL .....</b>			<b>\$2,596.18</b>

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#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of August 1, 1945 .....	\$16,382.35
Receipts for the Month	
August 30—Oil Leases .....	\$1,852.45    1,852.45
Total .....	\$18,234.80
Less Disbursements .....	—0—
<b>BALANCE as of August 31, 1945 .....</b>	<b>\$18,234.80</b>

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#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of August 1, 1945 .....	\$ 27,486.57
Receipts for the Month	
Receipts .....	\$96,446.09



Less returned check—Doc Grant,  
CCC on 63-106—non par 201.25

Total Receipts 96,244.84

Total \$123,731.41

Less Disbursements for the Month 51,542.85

BALANCE as of August 31, 1945 \$ 72,188.56

### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
8-7-45	14309	Jess Mathas, CCC	\$ 8.00
	14310	J. R. Pomeroy, CCC	15.00
8-10-45	16359	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.53
	16360	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	147.50
	16361	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	13.60
	16362	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
8-31-45	31146	Ernest Hewitt	239.20
	31147	Helen Phillips	161.12
	31148	Mary Evans Voss	148.70
	31149	J. R. Roberts	177.40
	31150	M. O. Barco	23.75
	31151	Jentye Dedge	26.60
	31152	F. C. Elliot	47.50
	31153	Mildred F. Scott	140.35
	31154	Vivian A. Dedicos	121.00
	34428	The Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.17
	34429	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	35.55
	34523	J. Edwin Larson, ST—Transfer to GR	50,000.00
		Withholding Tax	133.80
		5% Retirement Fund	48.08
TOTAL			\$51,542.85

### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/20/44	1
Bay	6/18/45	1
Bay	8/13/45	15
Brevard	6/27/45	1
Broward	7/16/45	203
Clay	8/4/45	2
Clay	8/11/45	4
Columbia	8/8/45	2
Columbia	8/13/45	1
Dade	5/4/45	2
DeSoto	8/20/45	3
Escambia	8/13/45	5
Flagler	8/6/45	2
Franklin	7/2/45	5
Gadsden	8/14/45	3
Hernando	8/6/45	6
Hernando	8/20/45	9
Holmes	8/13/45	1
Jackson	8/13/45	9
Jefferson	8/6/45	4
Lake	8/13/45	49
Lee	7/17/45	43
Leon	9/3/45	1
Levy	8/6/45	3
Madison	8/13/45	2
Marion	7/2/45	115
Marion	8/6/45	9
Martin	7/2/45	16
Martin	7/30/45	11
Nassau	8/27/45	3
Okeechobee	7/16/45	1
Okeechobee	8/20/45	6
Orange	7/2/45	36
Orange	8/6/45	19
Osceola	7/30/45	63
Pasco	8/6/45	39
Pinellas	7/17/45	68
Polk	5/31/45	3
Putnam	7/7/45	35
Putnam	8/4/45	20
Sarasota	7/9/45	39
Seminole	8/13/45	21

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
St. Johns	8/10/45	22
St. Lucie	7/2/45	1
St. Lucie	8/6/45	5
Sumter	7/2/45	1
Volusia	6/4/45	1
Wakulla	8/4/45	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Attorney General not being present, action was deferred on letter from him dated August 10, 1945, on the subject of leasing fifty per cent (50%) of the retained oil interest in Murphy Act land.

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Request was presented for correction deed covering Dade County land, original deed having been issued in favor of a corporation which had been dissolved three years prior thereto. Members of the former corporation desire deed in their names.

The Attorney General's office having approved the correction, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute Dade County Correction Deed No. 2304 in favor of John M. Powers, E. M. Young and Ralph J. Powers, upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees on July 31, 1945, authorized conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of approximately 100 lots to the City of Leesburg, at a price of \$500.00. Deed was to contain a provision that the City would allow ninety (90) days within which former owners would have the privilege of regaining title to land. In order that the land may be placed on the tax rolls in time for next year's assessment, the City requested that the time limit be made sixty days.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request of the City of Leesburg be granted

and the provision be changed from ninety to sixty days. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the change authorized.

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Application was presented from the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, for purchase of approximately 35 lots located in Raulerson's Subdivision of Sheppard and Sanchez Grant; in Picket Grant and in Snider's Subdivision of Pickett Grant, Volusia County. The City offers \$177.50 for the lots, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land applied for, for the consideration of \$177.50, deed to be issued under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented for deeds under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, providing for conveyance of Murphy Act land to municipalities where proof of former ownership was established:

Bay County—City of Panama City applies for seven parcels, being lots in Blocks 1 and 3 in Ware's Plat of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, and in Block 3, Segler Plat of Section 5, Township 4 South, Range 14 West;

Orange County—Town of Apopka applies for 89 lots in Apopka Heights S/D, Plat Book K, Page 65.

Certificate was filed from each town showing proof of former ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize deeds under Chapter 20424 to the City of Panama City and to the Town of Apopka, upon payment of \$1.00 per parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from M. C. Scofield, County Attorney for Citrus County, that the Trustees recommend cancellation of 1933 and 1934 certificates covering a parcel of land described as



7 acres East of Hard Road in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 20 East,

acquired by the County May 12, 1919. The Attorney states that the land should not have been assessed subsequent to date of purchase, and asks that the Trustees decline offer submitted at sale of July 30, 1945—Report No. 54.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer for the parcel described, disclaim interest in the 1933 and 1934 certificates issued against the land and recommend to the Comptroller that said certificates be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Board of Public Instruction of Sumter County requested that bid of \$5.00 offered at regular sale July 30, 1945, be accepted. Explanation was made that the parcel described as

Begin 210 feet North of SW corner of Block 1, run East 132 feet, North 60 feet, West 132 feet to beginning, in Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 22 East,

was formerly owned by the County School Board and was inadvertently placed on the assessment roll and later sold to the State for non-payment of taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept bid of the Sumter County School Board and authorize deed issued to the parcel described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Watson recorded as present.

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Mr. J. Lewis Hall again presented request from his clients, Simonhoff and Simonhoff of Miami, Florida, for deed to Murphy Act land formerly owned by them, and which subject was referred to the Attorney General from a recent meeting of the Board.

Mr. Watson reported that he could not approve the proposal as submitted, which in substance was that in consideration of the Trustees accepting bid of the Simonhoff's and deeding the property, reserving oil and mineral rights, the grantee would ratify and confirm in the Trustees oil lease in favor of M. L. Benedum.

and assign the proceeds thereof to the Trustees, except in the event oil should be discovered the Simonhoff's would receive its fifty per cent (50%) of all oil produced on the land during the term of the lease.

It was explained that the land was advertised jointly by the Trustees, under the Murphy Act, and by Everglades Drainage District, and on date of sale the District consummated the sale but the Trustees declined to sell for the reason that an oil lease had been given on the land and clients of Mr. Hall desire to secure the Murphy Act title.

After a full discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees sell to clients of Mr. Hall fifty per cent (50%) of the oil rights in the land in exchange for deed from the Simonhoffs to the title received from the Everglades Drainage District, thereby vesting in the Trustees full title to the land and rental from the lease in favor of M. L. Benedum. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Mr. Lee was recorded as not voting for the reason that he was not sufficiently advised on the subject to cast his vote.

Mr. Hall was favorable to such disposition of the matter and stated that he would submit it to his clients immediately and notify the Trustees of their decision.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees deny request from J. A. Roberts of Tampa, Florida, for allowance of second protest to sale of

Lot 31, Days S/D of Block 26, Brush Addition to  
Gainesville, Alachua County,

information being that Mr. Roberts was present at both sales and had opportunity to protect himself at the sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Pinellas County for cancellation of Certificate No. 18510 of 1932, the Clerk having certified that the land covered by the certificate had been purchased under the Murphy Act prior to June 9, 1939, and said certificate should have been delivered at that time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Certifi-

cate No. 18510 of 1932, Pinellas County, and recommend to the Comptroller that the same be cancelled for the reason stated. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported transfer for the month of August 1945 from Murphy Act sales to General Revenue Fund as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer  
For transfer to General Revenue .....\$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 17, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

W. H. Wells, Sheriff, Flagler County .....	\$14.80
Willis V. McCall, Sheriff, Lake County .....	33.50
S. C. M. Thomas, Sheriff, Marion County .....	45.80
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$94.10</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 18, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Charles O. Andrews, Jr., of Orlando, Florida, representing Florida Humus Company, related to the Board the history of a parcel of land which his clients acquired through chain of title conveyed by the State December 15, 1892, by Deed No. 14757 to Apopka Canal Company under the swamp and overflowed Act. It was explained that original grantee from the State made an agreement to lower Lake Apopka and thereby create additional land; that the State did not have patent to the land but grantee took title on an acreage basis describing fractional sections, there being no established meander line according to the records. Patent was applied for covering the land but was never received by the State and the land was not classified as swamp and overflowed, however, in 1917 the Legislature passed an act giving authority for the Trustees to sell sovereignty land. Mr. Andrews requests that the Trustees now issue sovereignty deed to his clients conveying the land attempted to be conveyed in 1892.

After discussing the subject, it was agreed that no action be taken at this time and that Mr. Andrews confer with Mr. Elliot and present his request to the Trustees at a later meeting. It was so ordered.

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Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney for Trustees, reported with reference to lawsuit designated as "Charles H. Crandon et al vs Millard F. Caldwell, as Governor of the State of Florida, et al," furnishing information that following action of the Trustees de-



clining to sell the land in Biscayne Bay to Thomas H. Horobin he had sent a copy of motion to dissolve the temporary injunction, together with copy of the Trustees' Minutes, to Attorneys Hudson and Cason and asked if they would consent to an order dismissing the complaint and dissolving the injunction. Attorneys for complainants were not willing to do that and asked that the Trustees adopt a resolution agreeing that they would not sell any lands in the future in Biscayne Bay. The City of Miami and Dade County would like to have the injunction made permanent.

Governor Caldwell expressed the opinion that the Trustees would not agree to adopting a resolution that would provide for no further sales in Biscayne Bay.

Mr. Parker stated that he believed he could get the injunction dissolved provided that when protests were made to sale of sovereignty lands the Trustees would reserve the right to withdraw such land from sale.

Mr. Larson brought up the question of considering a proposed resolution suggested by him at a recent meeting, and remarked that he thought if the Trustees did not cooperate with the City and County they would continually be having trouble; that he felt the Trustees should give the County Commissioners some assurance that Biscayne Bay areas would not be offered for sale in the immediate future.

Governor Caldwell remarked that the situation in Biscayne Bay was the same as other places around the coast of Florida and he did not think that the Trustees should foreclose itself of the right to dispose of land that could appropriately be sold; that the Trustees might adopt a policy, when sale of tidal land was pending, that the County Commissioners of the County involved be advised in writing of any application to purchase and give the Board the opportunity to register any protest; also if the land is within an incorporated municipality, that the City officials be notified and given opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Parker asked if it was the desire of the Trustees that he set down the motion for dissolving the injunction and let the Court decide the question.

After a discussion of the suggestions and views expressed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded

by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Parker be instructed to file motion to dismiss the temporary injunction. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Willard G. Smith of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of his sister, Mable Smith, submitted an offer of \$350.00 for purchase of

Lot 51-A and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 52-A,

Also the area lying between extension of East and West exterior lot line of Lots 51-A and 52-A, to the dike, containing approximately one-half acre in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Miss Smith is upland owner of Lot 51 and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 52, Ridgeway Beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer from Miss Smith. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Victor L. Barothy made application to purchase a parcel of land in Monroe County, approximately 350 feet by 350 feet over which he proposed to erect a dock for his fishing business.

The Trustees not having information as to the exact location of the property, it was decided to defer action on the application until an appraisal could be made and report received as to value of the property. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Mayo reported that pursuant to action recently taken on the cutting of a canal between Lake Jackson and Lake Kissimmee in Osceola County, he had called on Mr. W. C. Mann who cut the canal between the two lakes and that he had assured him he was willing and would do anything to remedy the cause; that he had already contacted the County Engineer and asked that he make recommendations as to what would be necessary for him to do and would send such report to the Trustees as soon as received; that he and another party owned all land around Lake Jackson and between it and Lake Kissimmee and was ignorant of the fact that he was breaking the law by cutting the canal.

The report was accepted and Mr. Mayo was requested to follow up the matter.

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The Trustees on July 17th, ordered advertised for bids, land in Columbia County applied for by W. L. Blankinship with offer of \$300.00 and the following Notice was published in the Lake City Reporter August 17th, 24th, 31st, September 7th and 14th, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 14, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., September 18th, 1945, for lands in COLUMBIA COUNTY:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 26, Township 5 South,  
Range 15 East, 40 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the only offer received was \$300.00 from Mr. Blankinship.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept \$300.00 for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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On July 31st the Trustees ordered advertised for objections only land in Dade County, applied for by Thomas H. Horobin on behalf of Point Holding Company, with offer of \$1000.00 an acre. The following Notice was advertised in the Miami Herald on August 18th, 25th, September 1st, 8th and 15th, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 3rd, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida at 11 o'clock A. M. September 18th, 1945, the following described lands in DADE COUNTY:

Commencing at the One-half Mile Post on the West Line of Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, as shown on the "Map of Highway Right-of-Way of Proposed Northeast Seventy-Ninth Street Causeway," which same is recorded in Plat Book 25 at Page 70 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida:

Thence N-88° 41' 24" East along the Center line of said Seventy-Ninth Street Causeway 1,960.00 feet; thence N-1° 37' 08" West a distance of 55.00 feet to a Point or Place of Beginning;

Thence from the above established Point or Place of Beginning continue N-88° 41' 24" East a distance of 2,566.00 feet to the Point of Curve of a curve to the right;

Thence along said curve to the right having a radius of 360.00 feet, a delta of 46° 11' 20", and an arc distance of 290.22 feet to a point;

Thence N-46° 08' 52" West a distance of 1,002.06 ft;

Thence S-88° 41' 24" West a distance of 2,122.58 ft;

Thence S-1° 37' 08" East a distance of 600.00 feet to the Point or Place of Beginning, containing 33.40 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.



Mr. Wells reported that objections had been filed to sale of the property by Ben Shepard, on behalf of clients, and other parties.

Trustees deferred action on the sale pending investigation of the objections and information as to the depth of water covering the area. It was so ordered.

On July 31st, the Trustees ordered advertised for competitive bids land in Orange County applied for by Gene M. Speer with offer of \$150.00 for the land. The following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on August 17th, 24th, 31st, September 7th and 14th, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 3rd, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. September 18th, 1945, for lands in ORANGE COUNTY, Florida, described as follows:

Lots 3, 9 and 10,

Section 4, Township 22 South,

Range 32 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No other bids received for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Speer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was ordered deferred on application from Lykes Brothers for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 109, Glades County, pending report from the Land Appraiser.

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Mr. Elliot reported that he had received copy of Praeceptum for Dismissal of case entitled,

David J. Molloy and Ethel D. Molloy vs Millard F. Caldwell, et al, which suit was filed against the sale of Biscayne Bay lands. Attorneys Loftin, Anderson, Scott, McCarthy & Preston, representing plaintiffs, advised that request for dismissal was based on action of the Trustees declining to sell the land involved in the suit.

Report was ordered filed as information.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills, and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty Gen. ....	\$ 104.17
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	11.00
Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County, Clearwater .....	2.55
St. Marks Supply Co., St. Marks, Florida .....	24.65
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale .....	7.50
The Miami Herald, Miami .....	29.75
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach .....	13.75
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	15.00
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	4.41
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,440.78</b>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Charlotte	3/13/44	1
Citrus	6/12/45	1
Dade	7/5/45	66
Dade	7/11/45	25
Dade	7/20/45	23
Dade	7/27/45	18
Jackson	8/13/45	1
Lake	8/17/45	3
Manatee	8/6/45	23
Pinellas	9/19/44	2
Pinellas	11/14/44	1
Pinellas	12/19/44	1
Pinellas	2/20/45	1
Pinellas	4/17/45	21
Pinellas	5/29/45	43
Pinellas	6/26/45	63
Pinellas	7/17/45	25
Putnam	7/7/45	2
Volusia	6/4/45	1
Volusia	7/2/45	15

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Mayo suggested that the Trustees give some thought to changing the policy in regard to Murphy Act land sales and putting the prices on a par with values of other State lands.

The suggestion was approved and Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells were requested to compare values of the two classes of land and report back to the Trustees. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and miscellaneous bills, and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 5.42
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee .....	17.60
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	143.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	130.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,318.52</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 25, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sinclair Wells.

Mr. H. P. Adair, on behalf of James Deering Estate, and Mr. Thomas H. Horobin were present in connec-



tion with action taken by the Trustees July 31, 1945, agreeing to advertise for objections only approximately 2500 acres of submerged lands and keys lying between Key Biscayne and Elliott Key, in Townships 55, 56 and 57 South, Ranges 41 and 42 East, Dade County. Application to purchase the tracts was made sometime ago accompanied by offer of \$100,000.00 from Mr. Horobin.

Mr. Adair presented map indicating the areas owned by his clients and requested that the Trustees not make sale to Mr. Horobin, or anyone else, as the parcels in question overlapped holdings of his clients; that other parties owning property in that vicinity were very much upset about the proposed sale and would strenuously oppose it; that they would all like to see the project abandoned and the land withdrawn from sale.

Mr. M. B. Garris, Engineer of Miami, who is familiar with the area in question, informed the Board that there were very few places where the water was shallow enough to allow sale by the State.

Mr. Horobin stated that he had asked that the advertisement be held up as he wanted to try and work out a purchase of holdings of the Deering Estate as well as the Hugh Matheson property; that he had eliminated from his application the area claimed by the Deering Estate; that the building of the road was the suggestion of Dade County and that he was only trying to acquire the land for the proposed highway; that if there were going to be opposition and protests filed to the sale, he did not care to bother with it.

Governor Caldwell suggested that it might be well for interested parties to adjust their differences and bring the subject up again before advertising.

Mr. Larson was of the opinion that with the feeling of opposition existing in Dade County, the Trustees should have absolute proof as to the depth of water covering the areas sought to be purchased before any advertisement was authorized. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson that the matter be indefinitely postponed. Seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted.

Mr. H. P. Adair, on behalf of James Deering Estate, requested that the Trustees execute correction deed

involving land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, conveyed by Deed No. 16504 dated November 20, 1915 in favor of James Deering. The reason given was that original deed covering four (4) small islands containing 4.1 acres, was indefinite; that a survey has been made of the area and metes and bounds description furnished showing the area to be 3.85 acres.

Mr. Elliot having approved the description, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of correction deed in favor of the Deering Estate. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Doyle E. Carlton of Tampa, Florida, representing Humble Oil & Refining Company, requested that the Trustees execute lease and working agreement authorized April 11, 1945, involving 5 acres of Murphy Act land and the retained interest in oil rights of 3136.91 acres, Charlotte County, heretofore sold by the State, said parcels being designated as follows:

**Murphy Act Land:**

A strip of land lying between the right of way of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and State Road No. 5 (Tamiami Trail), containing 5 acres, more or less, lying in the S- $\frac{3}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County;

Retained Oil Rights in land located in Township 41 South, Range 23 East; Township 42 South, Range 22 East, and Township 42 South, Range 23 East, containing 3136.91 acres in Charlotte County.

Mr. Carlton explained that the form of lease and working agreement were in conformity with similar instruments recently granted another oil company; that they provided for the drilling of a well within one year; that the Company already had a well down in excess of 10,000 feet located on a parcel within six miles of the five-acre parcel of Murphy Act land; that the lease and agreement were to run for a period of five (5) years from April 11, 1945, with payment of \$5.00 annually for lease on the Murphy Act land and

\$1,568.46 annually for the working agreement—rentals commencing April 11, 1945.

The Attorney General stated that he took the position that the State did not have the authority to make a lease or contract on the reserved oil interest; that the presumption is that the State has reserved the oil interest for a purpose, but that purpose does not contemplate a lease; that there is an implied authority for making a contract with an agency to go in and produce the oil but he does not consider a five-year contract as being an agency contract, it is the giving of a lease over the thing itself and the State has no authority to do that. Mr. Watson was of the opinion that a two-year period was sufficient.

Governor Caldwell stated that he did not agree with the Attorney General as to the authority of the Trustees to make a lease covering the reserved interest. His opinion was that if the Trustees had authority to sell or lease the land they had the same right over any thing on or under the surface.

Form of lease and agreement were discussed as to whether they were in conformity with similar instruments authorized in favor of J. P. Scranton and Mr. Watson remarked that he had asked Mr. Carlton to not bring the matter up till next Tuesday when he would have a report ready for the Board.

Mr. Carlton remarked that the matter had been pending since April and his company would like to have it closed out as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the lease and contract, copy of which was submitted, be now approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

The Governor asked if the originals were ready for execution, but upon being informed that they were in the Attorney General's office, Mr. Watson stated that they would be turned over to Mr. Carlton.

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Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of J. R. Edwards, applied to purchase lands in the Eagle Bay section of Okeechobee County located between the 17-foot contour of Lake Okeechobee and the Government North Shore Levee right of way. Offer of \$17.50 an acre was made for land fronting Tracts 24 and 25 in Sections

8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, owned by Mr. Edwards.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to advertise the land for objections, based on offer from Mr. Edwards, and in the meantime have the Appraiser make report of its present value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was made by A. R. Richardson, representing Bona Allen, Jr., for purchase of the

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Calhoun County.

Offer of \$6.00 an acre was submitted for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids but not on the basis of \$6.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
September 27, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Mr. Lawrence A. Truett, on behalf of J. P. Scranton, requested that the Trustees send a representative, at the expense of Mr. Scranton, to examine and certify as to the location of oil well designated as J. P. Scranton's State No. 1, being drilled under the provisions of Lease No. 373 dated October 31, 1944, covering areas in Monroe County.



Mr. Elliot being unable to make the examination, Attorney General Watson suggested that Mr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, be requested to go down, make the necessary investigation, certify as to the location and report to the Trustees. The suggestion was agreed to by Mr. Lee, Mr. Larson and Mr. Mayo and became the action of the Trustees.

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The following transfer was reported for the month of September to General Revenue Fund from receipts under Chapter 18296:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,  
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 9, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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R. A. Gray, Secretary of State.  
Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

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The Trustees and the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions went into joint session for the purpose of considering a program proposed by Florida

Ramie Products, Inc., in connection with the growing of ramie on the land covered by Trustees' Lease No. 424 dated September 12, 1945, in favor of Florida Ramie Products, Inc. The proposal provided for improvement and enlargement of the ditches and canals; providing suitable levees to hold back the water; preparation of the land for planting the crop and the repairs and improvements to be made to the dragline owned by the State Prison Farm which will be used in cultivating the crop.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees and the Board of Commissioners approve the new program for cultivation of ramie as indicated by letter dated September 29, 1945, from Mr. Willis G. Waldo, Vice President and Chief Engineer for Florida Ramie Products, Inc. Upon vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

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Joint session concluded.

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Expense accounts were presented from Mr. Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser, for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August 1945, in the total amount of \$649.44.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the expense accounts be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent, Avon Park ..... \$649.44

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The following bill was approved in Trustees' meeting held September 12, 1945, and the Comptroller requested to issue warrant as follows:

Ted Cabot, C.C.C., Broward County, Ft. Lauderdale Everglades Drainage taxes for the years 1932 to 1943, Broward Drainage taxes for the years 1926 to 1944, and State and County taxes for the years 1940 to 1942 on Lots 3 and 4, Tier 17, NEWMAN'S SURVEY, Twp. 50, Rge. 41, Broward County ..... \$267.80

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,  
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 16, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Elliot presented for approval Minutes of the Trustees dated July 10th, 11th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 14th, 27th, September 11th and 17th, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. William E. Thompson, on behalf of the City of Tampa made application for conveyance of certain sovereignty lands in Hillsborough County to be used for the City's water supply system in connection with which it is proposed to construct a dam for water conservation, flood control and water supply. Explanation was made of the proposed improvement and the necessity for acquiring the land from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed granting perpetual easement in favor of the City of Tampa of an area of sovereignty land along the Hillsborough River. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Messrs. J. L. Gillson, Homer H. Ewing and M. H. Miller, representing E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, presented application for lease permitting dredging for ilmenite in the waters of Halifax River and such parts of its tributaries as are navigable; Ponce DeLeon Inlet and navigable tributaries; Hillsborough River and navigable tributaries; Mosquito Lagoon and navigable estuaries and tributaries; all tidal or navigable waterways lying between Mosquito Lagoon and Banana River; Banana River and Indian River and navigable tributaries thereof, excepting certain areas already under lease, and renewed their offer, submitted to the Board July 11, 1945, of fifteen cents (15¢) per ton for all ilmenite removed from the area. Mr. Ewing explained that if the material was available his company contemplated removing approximately 100,000 tons annually; that they would be willing to prospect to the extent of \$50,000.00 to ascertain if there will be sufficient ilmenite for them to erect a factory.

Governor Caldwell suggested that it might be well to take the subject up with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries for ascertaining what effect the dredging would have on marine life; also to consult the Conservation Department as to whether there would be any damage to shell fish industry.

Removal of other mineral sands, such as zircon, rutile, etc., was also discussed.

Upon full discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the matter be referred to the Conservation Department for report on the effect upon marine life of operations under the proposed lease and if the Trustees make a lease that the consideration shall be thirty cents (30¢) per ton, but not less than \$100.00 monthly payments, on ilmenite taken for the first five-year period; such lease to provide for a renewal period of an additional five years at a consideration to be based upon the then sale price of the material at not less than two per cent (2%) thereof. Thirty days to be given for receiving report from the Conservation Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from V. L. Barothy, with offer of \$150 an acre, for purchase



of an area 350'x350' located at the southern end of the highway fill of Overseas Highway on the north side of Whale Harbor. The Land Clerk was directed to take the matter up with Mr. B. M. Duncan, Chief Engineer for Overseas Road & Toll Bridge District and request that he furnish information as to the value of the property and his recommendations as to advisability of making sales in that area. It was so ordered.

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Offer of \$12.00 an acre was presented from L. A. Lynch of Dinsmore, Florida, for

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 33, Township 1 North,

Range 25 East, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land with a starting bid of \$12.00 an acre, and that the land be appraised prior to date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from William J. Pruitt with offer of \$250.00 an acre for a mangrove area located in the

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East, and in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, South side of Overseas Highway in Monroe County.

Action was deferred on the application and the Land Clerk was directed to request information from Mr. B. M. Duncan, of the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District, as to value of the property.

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Offer of \$640.00 was presented from Edward C. Rice, Bradenton, Florida, for purchase of

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that action be deferred pending appraisal by the Field Agent.

Application was presented from F. E. Bayless, on behalf of D. C. Latimer and Clarence E. Brown, offering \$50.00 an acre for purchase of

Lot 2, Section 27,  
 Lot 1, Section 33,  
 Lot 1, Section 34,  
 Township 64 South, Range 35 East,  
 Less 27.68 acres;

Also

Lot 4, Section 33,  
 Lot 2, Section 34,  
 Township 64 South, Range 35 East,

Also

Lot 5, Section 3,  
 Lot 1, Section 4,  
 Township 65 South, Range 35 East,  
 Containing in all a total of 108.73 acres in  
 Monroe County.

Upon consideration of the offer, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline offer submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$20.00 an acre was presented from G. L. Miller for the following described land:

Lot 6 between Townships 53 and 54 South,  
 Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the bid be declined, and that a counter proposal be submitted to accept \$50.00 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from James A. Ball, Jr., on behalf of E. T. Morris, offering \$100.00 an acre for approximately 17 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, located adjacent to upland property of Mr. Morris in Lots 8 and 13, Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East.

The Field Agent having placed a higher value on the land, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded

by Mr. Lee, that the offer from Mr. Morris be declined and a counter proposal made to accept \$2337.50 for the 17 acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented report of bids received October 1, 1945, by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Levy County for all land in Levy County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and also pursuant to Chapter 23123, Acts of 1945. Information was furnished that the land, comprising 18,960 acres, was advertised for sale in the Levy County Journal on September 20th and 27th; that on date of sale bids totaling \$34,462.00 were received, or an average of \$1.82 an acre, and ten per cent of each bid was deposited with the Clerk pending action by the Trustees. Mr. Elliot also reported that approximately \$10,000.00 had been received for timber taken from this land by T. T. Scott under lease from the Trustees.

Memorandum was presented from the Attorney General to the effect that Mr. Otis Sistrunk had inquired whether or not the Trustees would consider his bid of \$2.50 an acre flat for all the land advertised and he had been informed that if he would make such bid to the Trustees, depositing ten per cent of the total, that such offer would be submitted to the Board for consideration.

Mr. D. P. McKenzie, Representative from Levy County, was present and stated that he was as anxious as anyone for the Trustees to receive as much as possible for the land and he would have no objection to delaying final action on the bids for one week, as had been suggested by one of the members, however, that he felt the sale was conducted in a proper manner and all parties concerned in Levy County were satisfied with the bids and anxious to have them accepted.

The question as to reservation of oil and mineral rights was discussed and the effect of Chapter 23123, Acts of 1945.

Comptroller Lee reviewed the history of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, as he was familiar with the reason for its passage, and his opinion was that it was not the intention of the Legislature that any reservations should be put in deeds, and for that reason he did not

think the Trustees should reserve the oil and mineral rights.

Governor Caldwell was inclined to think the State should be entitled to its pro rata share of the oil and mineral rights, and he did not believe the Special Act could deprive the State of such rights.

After full discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that when the Trustees made a deed to the land for which bids were received by the Clerk of Levy County on October 1, 1945, that deeds be made without oil and mineral reservations. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson also made the motion that the Trustees defer action on the sale of the land for one week, allowing time for Mr. Sistrunk to file a bid if he so desires. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

It was understood that in the event a bid was received from Mr. Sistrunk in excess of the bids already filed, that another sale would be held allowing all parties opportunity to bid.

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Mr. T. Franklin West, on behalf of M. W. Foley and himself, applied for five-year lease to permit mining diatomite and diatomaceous sand from creeks, basins and bayous connected with or emptying into Blackwater River, between its mouth and the point where Coldwater Creek empties into Blackwater River. All the property is below mean high tide, being sovereignty land in Santa Rosa County.

Applicant agrees to pay two per cent (2%) of gross revenue f.o.b. plant, royalty to be not less than \$25.00 monthly for first year; \$50.00 monthly for the second year; \$125.00 monthly for the third year and \$250.00 monthly for the remainder of the lease; that in event the lease is renewed the lessee shall pay two per cent (2%) of the gross revenue but not less than \$250.00 per month for the five-year renewal period. Other provisions are that no damage will be done private or public structure or property or public beaches; that payment for material will be made at the end of each month and not later than the 10th day of the succeeding month; Lessees will provide plant and equipment costing not less than \$15,000.00 located within the



State of Florida within one year from date of lease and \$1000.00 performance bond shall be deposited with Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of Mr. West and Mr. Foley on the terms as set forth and further conditions carried in similar leases, conditioned that a plant costing not less than \$15,000.00 shall be commenced within one year, and with option for renewal for another five years with monthly payments of not less than \$250.00 monthly. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized.

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Mr. A. A. Poston, West Palm Beach, Florida, presented request from Mr. Norman C. Schmid, Engineer for the Town of Palm Beach and for the owners of Lots 5, 6 and 7 of Eden Villa, Palm Beach, for permit to dredge an area in Lake Worth and deposit the fill material on Lots 5, 6 and 7. The parcel to be dredged is described as follows:

A submerged area 310 feet wide extending from the East shore of Lake Worth westward to the channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway, a distance of approximately 2500 feet, and lying on both sides of the boundary extended westward between Sections 34 and 3 of Townships 42 and 43 South, respectively, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Elliot, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Gilbert G. Drake, M. L. Smythe and H. A. Bedford, for dredging and removing material from the parcel described upon payment of one cent (1¢) per cubic yard, or a total sum of \$300.00 for the thirty thousand yards, conditioned that the channel dredged shall be open to the full and free use of the public and that the usual War Department permit be secured. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Mayo reported that he had received letter from Mr. W. C. Mann with reference to canal cut by him from Lake Jackson to Lake Kissimmee, in which he

stated that owing to the storm and flood waters the County Engineer has been unable to complete the survey and make recommendations but as soon as the waters recede report will be made to the Trustees.

Information was ordered filed pending further report from Mr. Mann.

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Mr. Watson excused from further attendance.

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Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees September 12, 1945, requesting that he handle the "Ramie Research Fund" to be set up in connection with Lease No. 424 executed in favor of Florida Ramie Products, Inc., he had taken the matter up with the State Treasurer's office and that they had worked out an arrangement for handling the account. The following resolution was submitted for carrying out the plan recommended:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

1. That the said Trustees having accepted the proposal of Florida Ramie Products, Inc., do hereby agree that they will set up, out of moneys contributed by said company together with other moneys contributed for the same purpose, a trust fund to be known as "Ramie Research Trust Fund," said fund to be available to Trustees for carrying on or encouraging such research, experimentation and development work with respect to ramie as in the judgment of the Trustees appears to be advisable within the limitation of the moneys available therefor.

2. That for the purpose of insuring the application of funds to the purpose referred to in (1) it is directed that said moneys, as and when received, be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in a fund or account designated "Ramie Research Trust Fund," and that moneys thereof shall be disbursed on warrant issued by the Comptroller against said fund on requisition from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

3. That the said "Ramie Research Trust Fund" shall continue as set forth in (1) and (2) until changed by resolution of the Trustees, or until provision shall be made by legislative act for administering such fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the resolution be adopted. Upon vote the motion was carried.

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Dr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, having been requested to report on the location and operations of J. P. Scranton's Well No. 1, State, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 2, 1945.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund  
Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Location and operations,  
J. P. Scranton's Well No. 1, State

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request of September 27th through Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, that I make an examination of the premises and location of the above named well, covered by lease No. 373, dated October 1, 1944, I proceeded to Miami on the early plane September 28, 1945. Shortly after arrival in Miami I was met by Mr. James Glen, an associate of Mr. J. P. Scranton and Mr. David M. Picton, Jr. In company with Mr. Glen I drove to Key West, making a stop at the point where a road was being constructed from a junction with U. S. Highway No. 1 on the east Big Pine Key to the site of the well. On the morning of September 29th we returned to Big Pine Key and the following is my report:

#### LOCATION

The map herewith indicates the location of the well and the road to it now under construction from the U. S. Highway No. 1. The well location itself is in the waters of Coupon Bight, approximately 125 feet east and approximately 200 feet north of the fringe of mangroves. The exact location is as follows: 2310 feet east, and

1390 feet north, from the southwest corner of Section 2, Township 67 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

## OPERATIONS

Activities around the proposed well site indicate that work is progressing rapidly. At the junction with U. S. Highway No. 1 a bulldozer, dragline, trucks, and other road making equipment were actively digging rock and associated material for the road bed and necessary fill for the "Y" connection with U. S. No. 1. This rock fill was almost to grade on Saturday, September 29th. The portion almost to grade is indicated in red on the map. The road way clearing is complete from the well site to the highway junction and can without much difficulty be brought to grade. A low area, indicated approximately by dashed red lines, will have to be filled in same manner as that approaching the "Y" connection. This fill material will be taken from a rock pit along the road way.

The well location is off shore about 125 feet east and about 200 feet north of the mangrove fringe. The four forms for the derrick base and the form for the cellar under the derrick floor were in place. The four corner forms are 12 feet at base,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet at top, and 5 feet high, all with 6-inch wall. The cellar form is 5 by 5 by 5 feet, with 6-inch wall.

Upon completion the derrick will be on an artificial island 160 by 190 feet, with connecting road way to mainland. The fill for this road way on September 29th extended about 125 feet from the mainland, and at the rate the material was being placed should be completed promptly.

The contractor for this road construction, the foundation for derrick, the artificial island, and the erection of the 136-foot all steel derrick with 31-foot base, is J. Ray McDermott, New Orleans. The derrick will be moved on to the job by truck and two truck loads were en route somewhere between Pensacola and Florida City. In fact,



these trucks were expected at Florida City on Saturday.

The contractor for drilling the well is Lyle Cashion, Houston, Texas.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As previously related, I was most courteously and cordially taken charge of in Miami by Mr. James Glen. At Key West and at the well location I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. B. W. Haywood, Zone Agent, and Mr. Murray Johnston, Assistant Zone Agent of the Gulf Oil Corporation, under whose immediate supervision all the work at the well location comes. I also met Mr. O. H. Jones, Superintendent for J. Ray McDermott, Mr. Barnam, Licensed Engineer, Biscayne Engineer Company, Miami, and Mr. Wm. G. Blanchard. Every courtesy was shown me by the representatives of the interested companies. The facilities so freely provided made the inspection of the work under way most pleasant and satisfactory.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ HERMAN GUNTER

HG/cl

Enc; 1 map

cc to Mr. James Glen

Mr. B. W. Haywood

Dr. Gunter also furnished copy of certificate he had executed as to the location of the well being drilled under provisions of Lease Agreement No. 373 in favor of J. P. Scranton, dated October 31, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to approve report and certificate furnished by Dr. Gunter. Upon vote motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Resolution was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, recommending sale to Felix Newbold, former owner of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Inlet City, Palm Beach County, at a price less than amount of the decree filed in foreclosure of land under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The resolution

provides for the County to receive less than its part under the decree but for the State to be paid its full equity.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer submitted by Mr. Newbold as recommended by the County Commissioners plus \$5.00 per lot for release of the oil and mineral reservations, or a total of \$41.05. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration of letter from Attorney General, recommending employment of someone to handle oil matters for the Trustees, was deferred until a meeting at which Mr. Watson could be present.

Financial Statements for the month of September are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1945 .....	\$521,742.86	
Receipts for the Month		
Land Sales .....	\$20,907.77	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Martin County .....	973.38	
Land Sales—Chapter 14572—Palm Beach County .....	2,575.93	
Mineral Leases .....	93.75	
Grazing Leases .....	102.38	
Shell Lease .....	26.25	
Timber Lease .....	545.85	
Fishing Campsite .....	56.25	
Printed Volume 4—Minutes of Trustees .....	\$2.00	
Photostat Copies Minutes & Proof of Publication .....	7.00	9.00
Refund by Tax Collector of overpayment by Trustees of Everglades Drainage Dis Taxes on Trustees Land for Year 1944 .....	164.12	
Total Receipts for the month of September .....	\$31,454.68	31,454.68
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<b>\$553,197.54</b>

Less Disbursements for the month ..... 1,834.88

BALANCE ..... \$551,362.66

### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
6-18-45	50551	W. H. Wells, Sheriff .....	\$ 14.80
	50552	Willis V. McCall, Sheriff .....	33.50
	50553	S. C. M. Thomas, Sheriff .....	45.80
	50554	J. Tom Watson, AG .....	300.00
9-21-45	53215	Comptroller of Florida .....	4.41
9-22-45	53454	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	104.17
	53457	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	11.00
	53458	Ray E. Green, CCC .....	2.55
	53459	St. Marks Supply Co. ....	24.65
	53460	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News ....	7.50
	53461	The Miami Herald .....	29.75
	53462	Palm Beach Publications, Inc. ....	13.75
	53463	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	15.00
9-29-45	55879	F. C. Elliot .....	287.15
	55880	M. O. Barco .....	136.20
	55881	Jentye Dedge .....	185.45
	55882	H. L. Shearer .....	71.25
	55883	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	55884	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	55885	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
		Withholding Tax .....	235.20
		5% Retirement Fund .....	61.40
TOTAL .....			\$1,834.88

### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of September 1, 1945 ..... \$18,234.80

#### Receipts for the Month

Oil Leases ..... \$16,732.43 16,732.43

TOTAL ..... \$34,967.23

Less Disbursements for the month ..... —0—

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1945 ..... \$34,967.23

## UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of September 1, 1945 .....\$ 72,188.56

## Receipts for the Month

Receipts for the month .....\$40,059.04

Less return check of G. M. Sim-  
mons, Agt. on 63-518 "Non Par" ... 1,596.00

Net Receipts for the month ..... 38,463.04

TOTAL .....\$110,651.60

Less Disbursements for the month ..... 51,318.52

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1945 ....\$ 59,333.08

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
9-7-45	53447	Western Union Telegraph Co. \$	5.42
9-22-45	53448	Capital Office Equipment Co.	17.60
	53449	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
9-29-45	61914	Ernest Hewitt .....	253.50
	61915	Helen Phillips .....	161.12
	61916	Mary Evans Voss .....	148.70
	61917	J. R. Roberts .....	177.40
	61918	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	61919	Jentye Dedge .....	26.60
	61920	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	61921	Mildred F. Scott .....	124.35
	61922	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	121.00
	65068	J. Edwin Larson, St Tr—	
		Transfer to GR .....	50,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	32.68
		Withholding Tax .....	128.90
TOTAL .....			\$51,318.52

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	8/22/45	31
Alachua	9/19/45	18
Baker	8/13/45	1
Baker	8/13/45	1
Bay	6/18/45	5
Bay	9/24/45	12
Bradford	3/13/44	1
Brevard	9/10/45	43
Broward	8/20/45	26
Broward	9/17/45	35
Charlotte	8/6/45	4
Citrus	7/3/45	10
Citrus	7/30/45	6
Citrus	9/4/45	6
Clay	9/1/45	1
Clay	9/8/45	1
Clay	9/15/45	1
Clay	10/6/45	1
Columbia	9/17/45	7
Dade	8/11/45	1
Dade	7/20/45	1
Dade	8/1/45	110
Dade	8/17/45	29
Dade	8/22/45	34
Dade	8/29/45	17
Dade	9/5/45	53
Dade	9/14/45	16
Dade	9/21/45	4
DeSoto	9/3/45	2
DeSoto	9/24/45	1
DeSoto	10/8/45	1
Duval	3/8/45	3
Duval	5/24/45	7
Duval	6/28/45	202
Duval	8/9/45	86
Escambia	9/25/45	3
Flagler	9/3/45	10
Franklin	8/6/45	8
Franklin	9/3/45	5
Hamilton	9/10/45	4
Hardee	6/4/45	6
Hardee	7/2/45	9
Hendry	8/13/45	3

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Hendry	8/27/45	52
Hernando	5/21/45	1
Hernando	9/22/45	3
Hillsborough	6/18/45	79
Hillsborough	7/9/45	117
Hillsborough	7/23/45	131
Hillsborough	8/7/45	38
Hillsborough	8/20/45	112
Hillsborough	9/4/45	57
Hillsborough	9/17/45	55
Hillsborough	10/2/45	22
Holmes	7/9/45	1
Holmes	9/4/45	1
Holmes	9/17/45	1
Holmes	10/8/45	1
Indian River	9/17/45	34
Jackson	9/17/45	16
Jefferson	9/10/45	1
Lake	5/14/45	1
Lake	7/9/45	76
Lake	9/10/45	35
Madison	9/3/45	11
Manatee	9/3/45	20
Manatee	10/1/45	23
Marion	9/3/45	12
Marion	10/1/45	2
Martin	8/13/45	49
Martin	9/3/45	19
Martin	10/1/45	16
Monroe	7/12/45	205
Monroe	9/11/45	59
Nassau	9/24/45	5
Okeechobee	9/17/45	16
Orange	9/3/45	16
Palm Beach	4/3/45	1
Palm Beach	6/8/45	39
Palm Beach	6/8/45	391
Palm Beach	7/6/45	2
Pasco	9/3/45	23
Pasco	10/1/45	16
Pinellas	12/19/44	1
Pinellas	5/9/45	1
Pinellas	9/18/45	156

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Polk	6/29/45	49
Putnam	9/1/45	28
Santa Rosa	8/6/45	5
Santa Rosa	9/3/45	5
Sarasota	8/13/45	44
Sarasota	9/10/45	18
Seminole	9/10/45	22
Seminole	10/8/45	16
St. Johns	9/14/45	13
St. Lucie	9/3/45	15
St. Lucie	10/1/45	32
Sumter	7/30/45	23
Sumter	8/27/45	9
Suwannee	10/8/45	4
Taylor	7/27/45	7
Taylor	8/17/45	2
Volusia	5/29/45	1
Volusia	8/6/45	64
Volusia	9/3/45	61

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Watson recorded as being present.

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Mr. William E. Thompson, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Tampa, presented request for conveyance under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, of a number of parcels of land which have been used for years as parks, playgrounds and waterworks purposes and which came to the State under Chapter 18296. A list of the parcels was exhibited to the Trustees describing land used for public municipal purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the City, under Chapter 20424, of all parcels of land in Hillsborough County, title to which was in the City at the time Section 9 of Chapter 18296 became operative, upon proper certification by the Clerk as to former

ownership; conveyance to be for public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson called attention to letter he had received from Mr. Tom Sale, Attorney of Panama City, with reference to sale by the Trustees held November 8, 1943, of the

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24,  
Township 1 South, Range 14 West, Bay County.

Mr. Sale states that his client, A. J. Gainer, is owner of the land, having paid taxes from 1932 to 1936, both inclusive, and was therefore entitled to have tax certificates cancelled under the Futch Acts. He states that he is going to bring suit to set aside Deeds 591 and 592 executed by the Trustees.

The matter was referred to Mr. Elliot for report at the next meeting.

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Mr. Watson reported that Nassau County had included Murphy Act land owned by the State in delinquent tax proceedings under Chapter 22079 of 1943, without making the State party to the suit, and that final decree had been filed quieting and confirming title in Nassau County; that the only remedy the State has would be legal action in the nature of a Bill of Review, time for appealing having expired.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to take the necessary steps to protect the State's interest. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 17, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
 Sinclair Wells.

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Application was presented from Joseph Weintraub of Miami, Florida, for fishing camp lease on a small bank in Biscayne Bay, containing approximately one acre located in

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

The land lies approximately one mile west of the location of the Quarterdeck Club. No offer was made for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize a five-year lease on the parcel at an annual rental of \$50.00 with a clause in the lease providing for cancellation by the Trustees at any time. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells presented application from B. E. Johnson to purchase or lease an acre tract in Biscayne Bay for a fishing camp site, located approximately 100 yards north of Marker No. 20, Dade County, and offered \$75.00 for deed to the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell the parcel and make a counter proposal to authorize a five-year fishing camp lease at an annual rental of \$50.00, with a clause providing for cancellation by the Trustees at any time. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells presented three applications for leases on small bars in Apalachee Bay, Wakulla County, located approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Shell Point as follows:

G. C. Tharpe—A parcel approximately 30 feet by 80 feet. Offer of \$10.00 for one-year lease;

Max M. Higgins—Of a parcel approximately 30 feet wide and from 200 to 300 feet long, applies for southwest 75 feet. Offer of \$10.00 for one-year lease;

James R. Galbraith—A parcel about 30 feet in diameter. Offer of \$10.00 for one-year lease.

It was explained that applicants desired to use these parcels for hunting and fishing purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of leases in favor of the three parties for a period of one year upon payment of \$10.00 each. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through Murphy Act land in Duval County and right of way and drainage ditch easement through Murphy Act land in Franklin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of easements in favor of the State Road Department as follows:

Duval County—Right of way through Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 31, Block 37, Lincoln Villas, for use in connection with Road No. 4—Project 143-D-SRD No. 135;

Franklin County—Right of way through Section 35 of Township 8 South, Range 8 West; Section 2 of Township 9 South, Range 8 West, for use in connection with Road No. 277, Project 4910-103-SRD No. 13, subject to outstanding lease in favor of the United States on a portion of the land.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the United States for execution of supplemental agreement, involving Sumter County land leased to the United States in Lease No. 2287-eng-15161—covering lots in Orange Home S/D. It was explained that subsequent to execution of the

lease the land was sold to R. R. Rudd and the Federal Government desires this instrument in order that it may deal directly with the title owner of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve execution of Supplemental Agreement requested by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that the United States has filed notice of release of an area covered by Lease No. W-09-026-eng-400, Orange County.

The report was received and ordered filed.

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Letter was presented from Everglades Drainage District, requesting that the Trustees join with the District in fixing the base bid for joint sale of Murphy Act land at sixteen times the 1941 acreage tax rate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees concur in fixing the base bid for joint sales at sixteen times the 1941 rate. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from M. L. Esarey, on behalf of Harold E. Herbst, U. S. Naval Reserve (overseas), requesting that the Trustees decline offer of \$52.50 from David B. Murray for purchase of Lot 22, Block 83, Townsite of Lake Worth—sale of June 8, 1945. Information was furnished that the lot formerly belonged to Mr. Herbst's mother and was his home until he went into the service.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline bid from Mr. Murray and that the lot be withdrawn from sale until Mr. Herbst can be released from the service and look after his interests. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Hillsborough County for conveyance of 25 lots in East North Tampa S/D, desired for playground and recreation purposes of Lutz School.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots to Hillsborough County for school purposes, upon payment of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value or

\$45.00, deed to be made under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks for disposition of Murphy Act certificates against land owned and administered by the Park Service in the several State parks located in Alachua, Bay, Clay, Columbia, Hamilton, Highlands, Nassau, Suwannee and Washington Counties. Also offer of \$1.50 an acre was submitted for a narrow L shaped strip of land within the boundary of O'Leno Recreation Area, located in Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 17 East, containing 5.1 acres in Columbia County, covered by Pt. Cert. No. 758 of 1931 and No. 917 of 1932.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the Park Board under Chapter 21684 of the Murphy Act land in the park areas located in the counties listed at \$5.00 each deed and also accept offer of \$1.50 an acre for the strip in Columbia County containing 5.1 acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered issued.

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Request was presented from Range Cattle Experiment Station that pursuant to Chapter 21700 of 1943 the Trustees convey Hardee County land described as follows to the State Board of Education for use as a part of the Experiment Station:

60 acres in Sections 31 and 33, Township 35 South, Range 24 East.

The Act referred to having been examined, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described to the State Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented applications for correction deeds covering land in Gulf, Broward, Holmes and Pinellas Counties, and stated that they had been referred to the Attorney General's office and approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following correction deeds be approved and executed:



Broward County Deed No. 2334-COR.—To J. M. Latimer. Issued for the purpose of correcting name and place of residence;

Gulf County Deed No. 11-COR.—To W. E. Price. Issued for the purpose of correcting range number;

Holmes County Deed No. 199-COR.—To Ettie Hudson. Issued for the purpose of correcting block number;

Pinellas County Deed No. 2934-COR.—To Wm. V. Lange and Alleen E. Lange—Issued for the purpose of correcting spelling of name.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Applications were presented for release of part of State Road right of way in three deeds, two in Duval County and one in Pinellas County. Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had approved release of the portions of the right of way requested and that it was in order for the Trustees to grant the requests.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of relinquishing part of the road right of way:

Duval County Deed Q.C. No. 576—To R. T. Tuten;

Duval County Deed Q.C. No. 2767—To General Motors Corp.;

Pinellas County Deed Q.C. No. 905—To Frances Wilson.

Upon vote motion was adopted.

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Applications were submitted from the City of Miami and the City of Plant City for conveyance of Murphy Act land under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, in each case certificate having been filed showing former ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds under provisions of Chapter 20424, upon payment of \$1.00 per lot or parcel:

Dade County—City of Miami—Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 2, Pullman Park and W 12 feet of Lot 9, S/D of Blocks 71 and 72;

Hillsborough County—City of Plant City—Lots 1 to 4, Block 10, Madison Park S/D of Plant City.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the City of Titusville offering \$1.00 per lot for conveyance of 476 lots plus \$451.00 for improvements on six (6) of said parcels. Information was furnished that the City holds liens on all of the property amounting to thousands of dollars.

The Trustees having requested the Field Agent to make an appraisal, Mr. Elliot presented report from Mr. Baldwin giving the total valuation as \$29,270.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from the City be declined and that a counter proposal be made to accept \$2000.00 for the lots including improvements; deed to contain a clause that former owner will have opportunity to reacquire title conveyed to the City at the same price the City paid the Trustees plus cost—conveyance to be under Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to convey 500 parcels of Lake County land to the City of Tavares at a price of \$500.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Lake County for conveyance of Lots 99 and 100 of the City of Groveland, Florida, for enlarging school grounds and facilities of the negro school.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of Lake County under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, conveying the lots described to be used for public school purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Polk County for conveyance of a parcel of land to be used for purposes of Lake Wales Negro School with offer of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, in favor of Polk County for the following described land to be used for public school purposes:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 27 East, containing 10 acres in Polk County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$27.50 was submitted from the City of Bushnell for Sumter County land described as,

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block C, Parham and Watson's S/D of Bushnell.

The Board was informed that the offer was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer from the City of Bushnell and authorize deed under Chapter 21684 of 1943, conveying the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$50.00 was presented from Board of Public Instruction for Duval County land described as,

Lot 4, Block K, Longbranch

desired as a site for a public school. The offer submitted was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from Duval County Board of Public Instruction for the lot described and authorize deed under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline request of L. L. Collins of Plant City,

Florida, to release oil and mineral reservations in Deed No. 4015—Hillsborough County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary presented list of applications from Clerks of the Circuit Courts for cancellation of certificates which had been certified to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Upon examination of the list, which had been approved by the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates, the opinion being that they evidenced no title in the State under Chapter 18296, and recommend that they be cancelled by the Comptroller.

#### BAY COUNTY

Ctf. No. 387 1932

#### BREVARD COUNTY

Ctf. No. 810 1930

#### CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Ctf. No. 149 1915  
374 1927  
159 1926

#### CITRUS COUNTY

Ctf. No. 117 1907  
1238 1931

#### COLUMBIA COUNTY

Ctf. No. 1240 1933

#### DADE COUNTY

Ctf. No. 613 1929  
475 1930  
2805 1927  
7255 1927  
32873 1933

#### DESOTO COUNTY

Ctf. No. 195 1928  
1496 1915  
554 1926

#### DUVAL COUNTY

Ctf. No. 2057 1921



## FLAGLER COUNTY

Ctf. No.	198	1933
	199	1933
	114	1923

## HARDEE COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1576	1930
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## HERNANDO COUNTY

Ctf. No.	337	1899
	3377	1933
	739	1929
	269	1926
	1336	1931
Pt.	3205	1933
	227	1898
	899	1931
	2080	1933

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Ctf. No.	152	1933
	4195	1926
	31143	1933

## JACKSON COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1378	1933
	1379	1933
	1845	1933
	2228	1933

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1013	1933
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## PASCO COUNTY

Ctf. No.	522	1900
	8554	1933

## PINELLAS COUNTY

Ctf. No.	18510	1932
	12497	1928

## PUTNAM COUNTY

Ctf. No.	359	1899
	361	1898
	351	1897
	387	1896
	325	1894

1383A	1933
1	1900
1	1901
1	1899
1	1898
2	1894
3822	1927
368	1915
63	1921
Pt. 1033	1928
732	1894
805	1894
955	1895
158	1908
159	1908
160	1908
503	1918
Pt. 616	1916
264	1903
12	1904
372	1916
233	1918
284	1917
285	1917
286	1917
675	1923
326	1913

## SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1702C	1933
	1499C	1933
	148	1927
	131	1929
	179	1934

## SARASOTA COUNTY

Ctf. No.	395	1927
	1865	1934
	1866	1934
	1867	1934
	5308	1930
	1341	1931

## SUMTER COUNTY

Ctf. No.	360	1916
	584	1936

5470	1933
167	1933
4729	1933
1268	1929
4739	1933
588	1926
377	1933
378	1923
452	1918
87	1915

## SUWANNEE COUNTY

Ctf. No.	481	1931
	817B	1933
	649	1928
	2212	1931
	3612B	1933

## TAYLOR COUNTY

Ctf. No.	810	1932
	431	1933
	588	1934

## VOLUSIA COUNTY

Ctf. No. Pt.	1297	1928
	5679	1929
	21378	1933

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

Ctf. No.	365	1927
	1640	1933
	75	1919
	206	1927
	218	1929
	1090	1933
	1144	1933
	251	1921
	1615	1933

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 23, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Application was presented from W. C. Prewitt of Clewiston, Florida, for purchase of 1.9 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, the parcel applied for being located between the original meander line and the boundary of the United States Levee. An offer of \$20.00 an acre was submitted for the land.

Action on the application was deferred pending investigation as to the value of the property and its condition from a standpoint of sanitation.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that action on the following applications be deferred pending receipt of appraisal from the Field Agent:

Gedney, Johnston & Lilienthal, West Palm Beach, Florida—Offer \$200.00 an acre for 2.47 acres of submerged land in Boca Raton Lagoon;

Hubert K. Krantz of Rockville Center, New York, offers \$90.00 an acre for 2½ acres of submerged land in Boca Raton Lagoon;

J. W. Nowlin, on behalf of Austin Sylvester, offers \$10.00 an acre for 0.57 of an acre of submerged land in Boca Raton Lagoon.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.



Mr. Wells reported that upon foreclosure of State Mortgage No. 17333 involving land in Pinellas County, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of that county was notified that title to the land was again in the State, and in reply the Clerk advised that a Murphy Act deed had been executed by the Trustees to F. M. Hahn of Tampa, Florida, affecting the same land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and recommendations. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$4.00 an acre was submitted from L. P. Austin of Clewiston, Florida, for the following described land:

Sections 8, 9 and 10, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;

Sections 19, 20, 28, 30, 31 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;

Sections 4, 6, 7 and 8, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, all in Hendry County.

The Trustees deferred action on the application and directed that the Field Agent appraise the property and furnish report.

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The Trustees directed that the Field Agent appraise Lots 7 and 8, Section 19, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, St. Lucie County, before the Board considers offer of \$7.00 an acre from Dr. C. C. Benton of Fort Pierce, Florida, for purchase of the lots. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$10.00 an acre submitted from Curtice C. Bourland, Ames, Iowa, for purchase of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 320 acres in Highlands County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$25.00 an acre was presented from H. J. Driggers of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 22, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, Broward County.

Mr. Wells reported a recent appraisal of \$40.00 an acre on this land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Driggers and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids if Mr. Driggers will agree to offer not less than \$40.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$6.00 an acre was submitted from W. T. Hull of LaBelle, Florida, for purchase of

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$6.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Alberto Estaves, offering \$15.00 an acre for

Sections 13 and 24, Township 47 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids based on the offer of \$15.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon consideration of application from C. O. Stubbs, Pompano, Fla., motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$2.00 an acre for Section 22, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, Broward County, the offer not being considered adequate for the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees directed that appraisal be made of land applied for by Dennis Small of LaBelle, Florida, before the Board takes action on his offer of \$3.00 an acre for Sections 8, 9 and 10 of Township 44 South,

Range 33 East, and Sections 1, 11 and 15, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County. It was so ordered.

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Application was presented from R. D. Yoder, on behalf of Ben Orth, for five year grazing lease on the following described land in Glades County:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Frac. S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, containing approximately 70 acres.

No offer was made for the lease but the Land Clerk stated that recent leases had been authorized at a price of not less than fifty cents (50¢) an acre.

The Trustees agreed that if an offer was received from Mr. Orth in line with recent leases, further consideration would be given to the application. It was so ordered.

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Request was submitted from Johnson & Johnson on behalf of William F. Dethlefs, offering \$10.00 an acre for approximately 120 acres of State land in Palm Beach County described as being in

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 43 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$399.00 was submitted from Herman Goodwin, Inc., on behalf of B. B. Purcell, for purchase of 1.33 acres of marginal lands of Lots 15 and 16, Block A, Lake Conway Park, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the lots for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Purcell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from H. E. Corry of Quincy, Florida, offering \$5.00 an acre for

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 2 North,  
Range 3 West, Gadsden County.

Information was also furnished that the State Board of Forestry and Parks had made application sometime ago for the same land but no definite action had been taken; that the United States had a lease on the property and would soon be turning it back to the State with considerable improvements thereon.

Without objection action was deferred until both parties could be present and submit a proposal.

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The Trustees directed that the Field Agent furnish appraisal on Section 7, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, applied for by Mark R. Tenant with offer of \$12.50 an acre, after which consideration will be given to the offer. It was so ordered.

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Offer of \$50.00 an acre was presented from Mrs. Doris S. Weeks, Moore Haven, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. Rowena Spear, for purchase of

3 acres of land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Town of Moore Haven, Glades County.

Information was furnished that Mrs. Spear drives a county school bus and has built a small cottage on this property and now desires to get title. The land was recently valued at \$50.00 an acre by Mr. Baldwin.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land to Mrs. Spear at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from G. D. Bridges, Sr. of Wildwood, Florida, for purchase of the following described land:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 2;

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Section 3,

Township 14 South, Range 21 East,

Containing 200 acres in Sumter County.

Offer of \$600.00 was made for the land.



The Land Clerk reported that 120 acres of the land in Section 3 had been erroneously deeded under the Murphy Act to W. H. McKinney.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that action on the offer from Mr. Bridges be deferred and that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for recommendation as to the proper action to take with reference to the Murphy Act deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was read from Robert N. Thomson of Miami, Florida, requesting information as to whether the Trustees would agree to lease its reserved oil interest in approximately 22000 acres of land in Dade County and also that the Trustees agree to pay out of receipts from the lease a part of the taxes against the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to lease the retained interest of oil in the land referred to by Mr. Thomson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson presented form of working agreement or contract which he would recommend for adoption by the Trustees; also form of oil lease drawn in conformity with the laws passed by the 1945 session of the legislature.

Consideration of the subject was postponed until the other members could be present.

The Trustees on October 16th deferred action for one week on sale of Levy County land, title to which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, allowing opportunity for any other bidders to submit an offer. Mr. Elliot reported that no other offers had been received and that the bids reported by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, totalling \$34,462.00, were ready for consideration. The lands for which bids were received were included in Master's Deeds dated April 5, 1932, and August 30, 1932, and are located in the following sections, townships and ranges:

Sections	Twp.	Rge.
18, 20, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 36	11	17
2, 11 and 14	12	17

Sections	Twp.	Rge.
3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 35 and 36	13	17
1, 11, 12, 14, 23, 24, 25, 35 and 36	14	17
1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 14 and 26	15	17
5, 6, 18 and 31	12	18
6, 7, 20, 29 and 31	13	18
4, 6, 19, 20, 26, 29, 30, 31 and 32	14	18

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson to confirm sale to bidders as reported by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Levy County, and authorize the execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto; conveyance to be made without reservation for oil and mineral rights. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. E. Hogan, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, presented copy of resolution adopted by his Board recommending that the Trustees accept the bids reported by the Clerk and protesting the acceptance of any other offer made to the Trustees.

The resolution was accepted and ordered filed.

Upon presentation of accounts for the month, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 17.30
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	152.85
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court .....	1.50
Willis V. McCall, Sheriff, Lake County .....	13.45
Geo. G. Crawford, C.C.C., Leon County .....	1.50
Alex D. Littlefield, Sheriff, Volusia County .....	14.20
Dept. Agriculture, Thos. H. Horobin Acct. ....	23.80
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota .....	15.00
Orlando Sentinel-Star, Orlando .....	6.75
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	12.23
S. S. Savage, Ocala .....	51.45
Cecil T. Farrington, Asst. Atty Gen. ....	108.98
Frank J. Heintz, Asst. Atty Gen. ....	86.21
Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	92.10

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00

TOTAL .....	\$2,150.32
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### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	8/22/45	1
Dade	8/22/45	1
Dade	9/26/45	27
Dade	10/5/45	4
Hamilton	8/6/45	2
Holmes	9/27/45	1
Lake	10/8/45	47
Martin	8/13/45	1
Martin	8/27/45	2
Okeechobee	9/14/45	3
Pinellas	6/26/45	3
Polk	8/31/45	44
Putnam	10/6/45	54
Suwannee	9/3/45	7
Taylor	9/28/45	3
Taylor	10/5/45	4
Taylor	10/12/45	4
Volusia	8/6/45	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson reported that he had examined the lease and working agreement prepared for Humble Oil and Refining Company and stated that he was ready to approve the contract covering the five-acre strip in Charlotte County but could not approve the lease covering 3136 acres, also in Charlotte County.

The Trustees having heretofore authorized the lease and contract executed and delivered Humble Oil and Refining Company, no further action was deemed necessary.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Hamilton County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way across land in Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 16 East, for purposes of State Road No. 2—Project 19(Sec. 3201)—SRD No. 13—Hamilton County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted for correction deed in favor of Lucy C. Johnson and Thomas C. Johnson, for the purpose of correcting the initial in Mrs. Johnson's name.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize Broward County Deed No. 2490-Cor. to Lucy C. Johnson and Thomas C. Johnson. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented form of dedication instrument prepared by the Attorney General for conveying Murphy Act land to Boards of Public Instruction under the provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the form of dedication prepared by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following salaries



and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 7.01
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	78.90
Leon Electric Supply Co., Inc., Tallahassee	3.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,356.41</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of October, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

J. R. Pomeroy Clerk Circuit Court Martin County Stuart, Florida	\$ 2.50
Fenton Jones c/o Gilbert Langston, C.C.C., Wakulla County Crawfordville, Florida	33.00
	<b>\$35.50</b>

Mr. Elliot reported transfer for the month of October of the following amount to General Revenue Fund from receipts under Chapter 18296:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368**  
**FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

J. Edwin Larson  
 State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
October 30, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

The following applications were presented for sand leases in Ochlockonee River, Leon County:

H. W. Grimsley for Ochlockonee Sand & Gravel Company, offers five cents (5¢) per cubic yard for five-year lease;

Henry Hale for Old River Sand Company offers five cents per cubic yard for five-year lease on an area from the iron bridge on Old Bainbridge Road to a point one mile down the river west of said bridge.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize five-year leases in favor of applicants at five cents per cubic yard, leases to contain the usual conditions. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offers from the following parties:

D. C. Smith—Offers \$10.00 an acre from Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County for

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 8, Section 19, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, St. Lucie County, to establish a beach for negroes;

Mr. Julius Parker, for Dr. Armstrong—Offers \$15.00 an acre for Section 9, Township 45 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County;

Point Holding Company—Offers \$1,000.00 an acre for submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, containing 33.40 acres.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Gedney, Johnston & Lilienthal of West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of Kenneth M. Dunning, for purchase of 2.47 acres of submerged land located on Boca Raton Lagoon, Palm Beach County, for which they offered \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline offer for the parcel and make a counter proposal to accept \$1000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline the following offers for areas on Boca Raton Lagoon, Palm Beach County:

Hubert K. Krantz of Rockville Centre, New York—Offer of \$90.00 per acre was made for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres;

J. W. Nowlin, for Austin Sylvester—Offer of \$10.00 for 0.57 of an acre;

and make a counter proposal to accept \$1000.00 for the parcel applied for by Mr. Krantz and \$300.00 for the parcel applied for by Mr. Nowlin. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Mr. B. M. Duncan, Engineer for Overseas Bridge and Highway District, furnishing information on several areas along the Overseas Highway in Monroe County applied for by the following parties:

V. L. Barothy—Offer of \$150.00 an acre for a submerged area 350 feet square located on the

north side of Whale Harbor Bridge on Overseas Highway;

William J. Pruitt—Offer of \$250.00 an acre for a mangrove area situated in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East, on the south side of Overseas Highway, approximately 200 yards west of Jew Fish Creek and containing 25 acres;

D. C. Latimer and Clarence E. Brown—Offer of \$50.00 an acre for Lot 2, Section 27; Lot 1, Section 33; Lot 1, Section 34, Less 27.68 acres to F. E. C. Railroad; and Lot 4, Section 33; Lot 2, Section 34; Township 64 South, Range 35 East; also Lot 5, Section 3 and Lot 1, Section 4, Township 65 South, Range 35 East, containing in all 108.73 acres;

J. B. Cash—Offer of \$60.00 an acre for 45 acres of bay bottom land in Section 25, Township 64 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 30, Township 64 South, Range 36 East.

Upon consideration of the offers and report from Mr. Duncan, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline the offers submitted and withdraw the areas from the market for the present. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Consideration was deferred on application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for purchase of an area comprising 250 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, where the water is not over three feet deep. Mr. Horobin offered \$1000.00 an acre for the submerged tract and the fill material to be taken from an area lying between 79th Street Causeway and Venetian Causeway in Miami Beach.

Mr. Horobin was advised that his request would be taken up at a later meeting when the full membership could be present. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to advertise for bids two large iron safes owned by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



Information was furnished that the Trustees now have on hand in the Oil Exploration Fund, established under provisions of Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941, a sufficient amount to complete the payment of the \$50,000.00 bonus award to Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrant to Humble Oil & Refining Company as follows from funds under Chapter 20667:

Humble Oil and Refining Co., Houston, Texas	
Payment of bonus as provided under Chapter	
20667, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941,	
Balance due thereunder .....	\$23,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 6, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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The Trustees on September 12th, 1945, authorized Dade County land advertised for objections based on application from John C. Gramling on behalf of Dr. Fuad Hanna with offer of \$420.00 for the parcel. The following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 1945:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November 6th, 1945, the following described land in DADE COUNTY:

The submerged lands in Biscayne Bay lying Easterly of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot "B" of the Amended Plat of Mirado Court according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14 at Page 44 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the S. W. corner of Lot "B" of the Amended Plat of Mirado Court according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14 at Page 44 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence South 76° 38' 25" East along the Southerly line of said Lot "B" for a distance of 181.4 feet to the Easterly face of an existing concrete seawall and the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described; thence North 7° 07' 50" East along the Easterly face of said existing concrete seawall along the Easterly side of said Lot "B" for a distance of 100.61 feet to a point on the North line of the South half of said Lot "B"; thence South 76° 38' 25" East along the prolongation Easterly of the North line of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of said Lot "B" and along a line 100.00 feet North of at right angles to the prolongation Easterly of the Southerly boundary line of said Lot "B" for a distance of 178.38 feet to a point on the United States Harbor Line along the Westerly side of Biscayne Bay. Thence South 2° 25' 13.5" West along the said United States Harbor Line for a distance of 101.8 feet to its intersection with the prolongation Easterly of the Southerly boundary of the aforesaid Lot "B"; thence North 76° 38' 25" West along the prolongation Easterly of the Southerly line of said Lot "B" for a distance of 186.49 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described containing 0.42 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed to the sale, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Dr. Hanna for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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The Trustees on September 12, 1945, ordered advertisement of Orange County land for objections only, based on application from Allen Kissam, owner of adjoining property on Lake Conway, with offer of \$3000.00 for the three tracts. The following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November 6th, 1945, the following described lands in ORANGE COUNTY:

TRACT "A"—Begin at the S. E. corner of Lot 1, Oak Island Replat, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "P", Page 64, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run S. 50° E. 630 ft., thence S. 65° 30' E. 76 ft. to Lake Conway, thence along lake shore N. 25° 30' E. 160 ft. N. 0° 05' E. 563 ft; N. 8° 50' E. 269 ft; N. 19° 50' E. 432 ft; N 61° 40' W 573 ft; S. 51° 13' W. 208 ft. to original line of Lot 1, thence along original line of Lot 1,

N. 69° E. 200 ft; N. 88° E. 72 ft; S 62° E. 80 ft;  
S. 13° E. 110 ft; S. 6° W. 100 ft; S. 20° W. 120 ft;  
S. 35° W. 150 ft; S. 46° W. 200 ft; S. 34° 30' W.  
100 ft; S. 20° 30' W. 475 ft. to point of beginning.

TRACT "B"—Begin at the S. E. corner of Lot 54 of Pleasure Island Replat according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 71, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run N. 2° 50' W. 50 ft; N. 25° 30' W. 50 ft; N. 43° 30' W. 200 ft; N. 27° 46' W. 134.7 ft; thence S. 50° E. 875 ft. to S. line of Lot 54 extended; thence N. 65° 30' W. 490 ft. to point of beginning.

TRACT "C"—Begin at the S. E. corner of Lot 1, Oak Island Replat, according to plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "P", Page 64, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run N. 50° W. 245 ft; thence N. 50° 56' E. 456 ft; thence S. 20° 30' W. 475 ft. to point of beginning.

Containing a total area of 16.46 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The Purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale to Mr. Kissam at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon application from Mr. Tom Conely, Jr., on behalf of J. R. Edwards, the Trustees on September 25, 1945, authorized advertised for objections only an area in Eagle Bay, Okeechobee County—9.30 acres in Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East. The



land was advertised in the Okeechobee County News on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 1945. The land was called out for sale and the offer of \$17.50 an acre was the only bid received. Discussion was had as to the location and character of the land and it was thought best to readvertise the tract for competitive bidding.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land applied for by Mr. Edwards be advertised for bids based on offer of \$17.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

On September 12, 1945, the Trustees ordered advertised for sale Broward County land applied for by Walter A. McElfresh, on behalf of Florida Realty Sales and agreed to bid \$150.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November 6th, 1945, the following described lands in BROWARD COUNTY:

Beginning at the quarter corner on the West boundary of Section 29-48-43, Broward County, Florida; thence N.  $00^{\circ} 22' 16''$  E. along said West boundary, 1972.49 feet; thence N.  $56^{\circ} 50'$  E, 1134.21 feet to the point of beginning of the lands herein described; thence, S.  $33^{\circ} 10'$  E. 180 feet; thence, S.  $56^{\circ} 50'$  W. 150 feet; thence, southwesterly around the arcs of a circular curve to the left whose chord bears S.  $28^{\circ} 15' 45''$  W. 239.38 feet; thence, S.  $00^{\circ} 22' 16''$  E. 450 feet; thence, N.  $89^{\circ} 37' 44''$  E. 267.0 feet; thence S.  $84^{\circ}$  E. 486 feet; thence, S.  $60^{\circ}$  E. 240 feet; thence, N.  $40^{\circ}$  E. 70 feet; thence, N.  $51^{\circ} 07' 30''$  West, 629.05 feet; thence, N.  $04^{\circ} 44' 33''$  W. 361.45 feet; thence, N.  $30^{\circ} 46' 35''$  W. 399.01 feet to a point at the intersection of the existing center lines of Hillsboro River and State Road No. 140; thence, S.  $56^{\circ} 50'$

W. 162.30 feet to the point of beginning, less Block "A" of Hillsborough Beach acc. to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 3, Public Records of Broward County, Florida, and the R/W of State Highway No. 140; containing 9.50 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Applicant being the upland owner adjoining the property and no objections having been filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to approve sale in favor of Florida Realty Sales at a price of \$150.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, the Attorney General voting in the negative.

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On September 12, 1945, authority was given to advertise for objections only land in Pinellas County applied for by Bussey, Mann & Simmons, on behalf of Ed C. Wright, with offer of \$1500.00. The following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November 6th, 1945, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Begin at the N. W. Corner of Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, and run S. 1° 44'

32" E. along the section line, 143 feet to P.O.B., thence N.  $46^{\circ} 16' 57''$  E. 205.67 feet, thence N.  $25^{\circ} 39' 54''$  E. 1648.08 feet, thence N.  $62^{\circ} 54' 30''$  E. 454 feet, thence S.  $78^{\circ} 31' 30''$  E. 625 feet, thence S.  $61^{\circ} 57' 30''$  E. 522 feet, thence S.  $37^{\circ} 51' 30''$  W. 520 feet, thence S.  $54^{\circ} 49' 30''$  E. 230 feet, thence S.  $47^{\circ} 29' 30''$  W. 630 feet, thence N.  $78^{\circ} 11' 30''$  W. 195 feet, thence S.  $76^{\circ} 37' 30''$  W. 995 feet, thence S.  $37^{\circ} 56' 30''$  W. 930 feet, thence N.  $1^{\circ} 44' 32''$  W. 428 feet to P.O.B., containing 49.45 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections being filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer of \$1500.00 for the tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

At the meeting September 12, 1945, the Trustees ordered advertised for competitive bidding land in Palm Beach County applied for by O. S. Miller with bid of \$50.00 an acre on behalf of W. F. Knowles. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and November 2nd, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for competitive bids and objections, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November

6th, 1945, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

A strip of land between the Government Meander in Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 37 East, extending South 1200 feet from the North boundary of Section 35, and omitting R/W for State Highway, 100 feet wide on the West side of the center line between Government Meander and Government Levee R/W, containing approximately 11½ acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$80.00 an acre from Mr. Miller.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$80.00 an acre for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

On September 25th the Trustees ordered advertised for competitive bids land in Calhoun County applied for by A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bona Allen, Jr., with offer of \$6.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Blountstown Record on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida



will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. November 6th, 1945, the following described land in CALHOUN COUNTY:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 9 West.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08, and 270.09, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.

Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and the only offer received was \$6.00 an acre from Mr. Allen.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees have an appraisal before taking action on application from C. L. Anderson. Offer of \$10.00 an acre was submitted for Lot 1, Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and appraisal ordered.

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Offer of \$75.00 was submitted from Herman Goodwin, Inc., on behalf of Arthur K. Gibbons, for purchase of 0.242 of an acre of land on Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to upland ownership of Mr. Gibbons.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the parcel for objections based on offer of \$75.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from John C. Blocker of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of F. J. Q. Inc., for ap-

pointment to appear before the Board with reference to purchase of Pinellas County land.

On account of engagements already made by the membership of the Trustees during November and December, it was suggested that a date after the first of next year be arranged for Mr. Blocker to come up. It was so ordered.

Mr. Allen C. Grazier, representing St. Petersburg Port Authority, having requested an appointment for November 10th, the Secretary was requested to suggest that he also arrange for an appointment after the first of the year.

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The Trustees having requested Mr. Wells to ascertain from Mr. Samuel Patrick the time within which he contemplated drilling for oil on land in which the Trustees agreed to lease their reserved interest, letter was read from Mr. Patrick in which he stated drilling would be done by Pan American on land owned by Dr. C. K. Wall of Thomasville, Georgia, as soon as drilling equipment could be obtained.

At the suggestion of the Governor, Mr. Wells was directed to advise Mr. Patrick that upon information as to the time element for drilling, further consideration will be given as to execution of the lease. It was so ordered.

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Request was presented from J. C. B. Koonce that the State allow an exchange between Dade Memorial Park and an individual in order that the park property in Sumter County will have access to the highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees refer the matter to Mr. Baldwin to try and work out something to give the Park entrance to the highway. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees had under discussion Chapter 22860, Acts of 1945, providing for homesteading State land by honorably discharged veterans of World War II. Information from the land office was that it was doubtful if there was any land of the character described in the

act and it was the opinion of the Trustees that any applicants be advised of the facts with the suggestion that they take the matter up with the County authorities and if any land could be located the Trustees would be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to sell and withdraw from the market land located along Overseas Highway in Monroe County, applied for by Lt. J. R. Shields. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was agreed that applications for leases on this type land would be given consideration.

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Offer of \$15.00 annually was submitted from Mrs. W. H. Powell for an additional 50 feet to be added to lease recently granted her covering an area along Overseas Highway, Monroe County, original lease being for a period of five years with rental at \$50.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mrs. Powell and add the additional footage to her lease, it being understood that such lease conveys no property rights or priority for purchase of the property under lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Action was deferred on application from Thos. H. Horobin for purchase of an area in Biscayne Bay, Dade County.

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Mr. H. M. Forman came before the Board and requested that agreement entered into October 27, 1942, be consummated. It was explained that Mr. Forman offered the Trustees \$500.00 for Lots 3 and 4, Tier 17, Newman's Survey, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, covered by Mortgage No. 17389. Mortgage and notes were taken from Greenlawn Realty Company in November 1925, for balance of purchase price but nothing further was paid and the mortgage was foreclosed. At the time the agreement was reached in October 1942, no mention was made of the delinquent taxes against the property and Mr. Forman has bought up certificates, settled a judgment and paid off all tax

debts in a total amount of approximately \$600.00. One tax item of \$111.10 is still outstanding and Mr. Forman agrees to reimburse the Trustees such amount if they will pay it up. Mr. Forman also put up the sum of \$100.00 as expense of foreclosure.

Upon discussion of the proposal the Trustees were of the opinion that the 1942 agreement carried with it the obligation on the part of Mr. Forman to stand all costs of foreclosure which would include all outstanding indebtedness against the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the tax item of \$111.10 outstanding against the land be paid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees carry out the agreement made in October 1942 on the basis of \$500.00 plus cost of foreclosure and plus taxes paid by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson reported that he had ready for consideration of the Board form of contract and oil lease for handling oil contracts according to the 1945 laws, and stated that Mr. Sumter Leitner of his office was ready to explain any of the details; that he would like to have these or some other forms adopted as soon as possible.

It was suggested that each member be furnished with copy of the forms for study of the provisions and that action be taken at a later date. Mr. Watson agreed to furnish copies to each member.

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Mr. Julius Parker reported that the case of Charles H. Crandon et al. v. Millard F. Caldwell, et al. had been terminated by entry of an order of the Circuit Court of Leon County, dismissing the suit of Mr. Crandon and dissolving the temporary injunction restraining the Trustees from selling certain Biscayne Bay property to Thomas H. Horobin. Mr. Parker explained that the Trustees did not win the law-suit as the order was given because the Trustees declined to accept the offer for the land.

Mr. Larson informed the Board that the Committee appointed to decide on the fee to be paid Mr. Parker



for handling this and other suits filed against the Trustee had not had opportunity to get together with Mr. Parker, but that they would do so immediately after the meeting and report their recommendations.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following expense account from Mr. Parker and request the Comptroller to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Julius Parker	
Attorney	
Tallahassee, Florida .....	\$147.09

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Mr. Elliot presented application from J. W. Adkins of Moore Haven, Florida, for purchase of Block 2—Moore Haven, title to which came to the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—The Everglades Act. The Clerk of the Circuit Court advised that Mr. Adkins has paid taxes on property since 1940 and desires to know at what price the Trustees will sell the block.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept \$500.00 for the block applied for by Mr. Adkins. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees warrant was being requested drawn in amount of \$23,000.00 in favor of Humble Oil and Refining Company as balance due on award of \$50,000.00 for discovery of the first oil well in Florida as provided under Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941; that there was a balance in said fund amounting to \$15,274.45 and he recommended that the Trustees authorize the State Treasurer to transfer the balance, after payment of the award, to the regular account of the Trustees.

Upon discussion of the subject, action was deferred until organization could be completed for handling the oil business under the Conservation Department.

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Financial Statements for the month of October 1945 are as follows:

## UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1945 .....\$551,362.66

## Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....\$31,780.12  
 Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases ..... 621.81  
 Mineral Leases ..... 37.50  
 Grazing Leases ..... 104.43  
 Corrective Deed ..... .75  
 Reimbursement for Everglades  
 Drainage District Taxes on En-  
 tries No. 18,615 and No. 18,616 2,855.04

Total Receipts for the month of October, 1945 35,399.65

TOTAL .....\$586,762.31

Less Disbursements for the month ..... 2,728.82

BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1945 .....\$584,033.49

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
10-2-45	66336	Ted Cabot .....	\$ 267.80
10-10-45	71704	Cyril Baldwin .....	649.44
10-31-45	89361	F. C. Elliot .....	287.15
	89362	M. O. Barco .....	136.20
	89363	Jentye Dedge .....	185.45
	89364	H. L. Shearer .....	71.25
	89365	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	89366	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	89367	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
	89368	A. C. Bridges .....	249.55
	92168	Comptroller of Florida .....	12.23
	92169	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	17.30
	92170	H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	152.85
	92171	Guyte P. McCord .....	1.50
	92172	Willis V. McCall, Sheriff .....	13.45
	92173	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC .....	1.50
	92174	Alex D. Littlefield, Sheriff .....	14.20
	92175	Dept of Agriculture, Thomas H. Horobin, Acct. ....	23.80
	92176	Sarasota Herald-Tribune .....	15.00

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	92177	Orlando Sentinel-Star .....	6.75
		Withholding Tax .....	294.40
		5% Retirement Fund .....	77.65
		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,728.82</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

BALANCE as of October 1, 1945 .....	\$ 34,967.23
Receipts for the Month	
Oil Leases .....	3,307.22
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 38,274.45</b>
Less Disbursements .....	—0—
<b>BALANCE as of October 31, 1945</b> .....	<b>\$ 38,274.45</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of October 1, 1945 .....	\$ 59,333.08
Receipts for the month .....	62,579.64
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$121,912.72</b>
Less Disbursements for the month .....	51,391.91
<b>BALANCE as of October 31, 1945</b> .....	<b>\$ 70,520.81</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
10-31-45	88963	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 253.50
	88964	Helen Phillips .....	171.30
	88965	Mary Evans Voss .....	148.70
	88966	J. R. Roberts .....	177.40
	88967	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	88968	Jentye Dedge .....	26.60
	88969	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	88970	Mildred F. Scott .....	140.35
	88971	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	121.00
	92091	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR .....	50,000.00

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	92092	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	7.01
	92093	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	78.90
	92094	Leon Electric Supply Co. ....	3.00
	92095	J. R. Pomeroy, CCC .....	2.50
	92096	Fenton Jones .....	33.00
		Withholding Tax .....	133.80
		5% Retirement Fund .....	23.60
TOTAL .....			<u>\$51,391.91</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Mrs. D. S. Weeks, Clerk Circuit Court,  
Glades County  
Moore Haven, Florida  
In payment of tax sale certificates out-  
standing against lands in which the  
Trustees have equity .....\$ 161.59

Humble Oil and Refining Company,  
c/o Doyle E. Carlton,  
Tampa, Florida  
Payment of bonus as provided under  
Ch. 20667, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941  
—Balance due thereunder ..... 23,000.00  
\$23,161.59

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	10/24/45	27
Charlotte	9/10/45	2
Charlotte	10/8/45	5



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Columbia	10/29/45	3
Dade	9/12/45	58
Dade	10/17/45	25
Dade	10/26/45	5
DeSoto	10/15/45	1
Hardee	9/3/45	2
Hernando	10/27/45	6
Hillsborough	10/15/45	53
Jackson	9/17/45	1
Leon	6/6/45	1
Okeechobee	10/15/45	3
Palm Beach	7/6/45	1
Palm Beach	8/10/45	6
Pinellas	12/19/44	1
Pinellas	4/17/45	1
Pinellas	5/29/45	5
Pinellas	7/17/45	21
Pinellas	9/18/45	9
Polk	9/10/45	31
Putnam	10/6/45	1
Sumter	9/17/45	35
Volusia	10/1/45	71
Walton	5/28/45	3
Walton	6/11/45	1
Walton	6/25/45	3
Walton	7/3/45	3
Walton	8/7/45	5
Walton	8/25/45	10

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented deed recommended by the Attorney General for conveying interest of the State under the Murphy Act to the Trustees covering

Lots 5 to 8 inclusive and 43 and 44, Block 9,  
Dixie Park Heights, Dade County.

It was explained that the Trustees took title to the land under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—Everglades Act—and this method was considered proper by the Attorney General for merging the title of Murphy Act and the Trustees in one agency.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve execution of deed recommended by the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 1807 in favor of Elizabeth J. Freese for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reservation contained in original deed, the State Road Department having recommended that the reservation be released. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that request from H. J. Gaus be granted and that the Trustees execute Dade County Deed No. 3423-COR. in his favor for the purpose of correcting the spelling of his name. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

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Request was presented from the City of Titusville that the Trustees eliminate from deed authorized October 17, 1945, for conveying 476 lots at a price of \$2,000.00, the usual reservations or restrictions, and also that the City not be required to sell a particular lot to the former owner who is a negro for the reason that the entire block in which said lot is located is owned by white people and has been re-zoned as such.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that in view of the fact that the application to purchase was made prior to the time the Trustees reserved oil and mineral rights in city lots, that such reservation be omitted from the deed, but that no change be made in action taken with reference to allowing purchase by any former owner. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Lakeland for deed under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts

of 1941, for conveying the following described land formerly owned by the City:

$S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , East of RR, and  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ; and  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , East of RR, and  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  Less  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , all in Section 2, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, Polk County.

Offer of \$5.00 was made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of the City of Lakeland for conveying the parcels described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Shell Oil Company asking if the Trustees would consider leasing for oil exploration Murphy Act land in Walton County which was taken off the market in January 1943 pending the outcome of a well being drilled near DeFuniak Springs. Representative of the Company desires to discuss terms and conditions if the Trustees are inclined to lease the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary request the Company to submit a proposal for leasing the area. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for Murphy Act land in Duval County to be used for opening Cleo Street through to 16th Street, the lots being described as,

Lots 1 and 20, Block 1—Josephine Hagan's S/D.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the two lots under Chapter 21684 of 1943, for public street purposes only, upon payment of \$10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented for conveyance of land under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, with offers of amounts representing one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value:

Franklin County—City of Apalachicola applies for Wharf Lot 2—Apalachicola—with offer of \$250.00, the lot to be used in connection with City sewage disposal plant;

Polk County—City of Lake Wales applies for Lot "A" Tilman's S/D of Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, with offer of \$10.00, the lot being desired for street purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offers from City of Apalachicola and City of Lake Wales and authorize execution of deeds under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the City of Okeechobee that the Trustees issue correction deed for the purpose of eliminating "for public purposes" clause from original Okeechobee County Deed No. 01-Chap. 21684 dated March 23, 1944. It was explained that the City Council and Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee desired to contribute a portion of the land conveyed to encourage a new industry coming into the town but they could not do so under the conditions of the deed.

Judge T. W. Conely, Jr. of Okeechobee was present and the Trustees requested that the City furnish description of the parcel to be donated for the new industry, the opinion being that there would be no objection to releasing the reservation on the area to be donated; that upon receipt of this information further consideration would be given. Action was deferred for the present.

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Resolution was submitted from Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County requesting that the Trustees withdraw approximately 75 lots in Burts S/D of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, and Calhoun's S/D of Block 14, Burts S/D, and cancel advertisement running for sale of the lots, and that said lots be conveyed to the School Board under provisions of Chapter 21929 of 1943. No offer was made for the property.

The Trustees deferred action on the request and suggested that the Putnam County School Board furn-



ish a plat showing the location of the school property with reference to the Murphy Act land, the purpose for which the land will be used and what offer the county will make for the land. It was so ordered.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 6, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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After a general discussion of the Board's need for legal services, the past and anticipated necessity for the employment of special counsel to represent the State's interests, and the dissatisfaction on the part of the public over delays, it was unanimously agreed that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund employ counsel.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, Mr. Julius Parker was unanimously selected, and his salary fixed at \$6,000 per year, his services to begin immediately. Upon vote the motion was adopted. The Governor stated that in view of his former association with Mr. Parker, he would not participate in the discussion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mayo, seconded by Treasurer Larson, Mr. Elliot was authorized to employ additional secretarial assistance. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion by Treasurer Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, the Trustees approved payment and authorized

issuance of warrant in the sum of \$4,500 to Julius F. Parker as his fee in connection with his representation of the Trustees in the Horobin-Miami-Dade County suit, a suit in which the Attorney General declined to represent the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following bill was approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrant in payment:

Julius Parker, Attorney  
Tallahassee, Florida

Fee in connection with suits against the  
Trustees involving Biscayne Bay ..... \$4,500.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 8, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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Mr. Watson stated that at his request the Governor had called the meeting; that it had come to his attention that four members of the Trustees had held a meeting November 6, 1945, at which he was not present, and the first notice he had was when he obtained a copy of the Minutes showing action taken; that he had prepared a statement for the press and one for each member of the Board, which statement he desired made a part of the Minutes. The statement is as follows:

"My attention has been called to a meeting of the Trustees of the I. I. Board held on November 6th last, and the action of this meeting in employing Mr. Julius Parker as special counsel for the Trustees in lieu of the Attorney General, at a salary of \$6,000.00 per year, his services to begin immediately.

These Trustees consist of the Governor, the Comptroller, the Attorney General, the State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Agriculture, but the Attorney General had no notice of, and was not present at, this meeting. Its minutes show that the Governor stated that "in view of his former association with Mr. Parker, he would not participate in the discussion."

It is a fact that a previous meeting of the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the State Treasurer, was held prior to November 6th, when this same employment was discussed and in which discussion the Governor did participate. Because of such previous meeting and the Governor's full participation in it, and the fact that at the November 6th meeting, the minutes showed the Governor to have voted for this employment, his non-participation in the discussion at the November 6th meeting becomes immaterial and the minutes' attempt to make a point out of such alleged non-participation, reflects both insincerity and inconsistency on the Governor's part regarding the matter involved.

How well the Governor laid his predicate in the previous meeting for his non-discussion in the November 6th meeting, it is evident from the unanimous action of those present in the last meeting in selecting the Governor's former law partner as the Attorney General's legal successor to be the Board's representative, and the minutes of the November 6th meeting do show his participation in voting for his employment.

At this November 6th meeting, the minutes also show that the Governor's former law partner, was voted a fee of \$4,500.00 for services

rendered in the case of Crandon vs. Trustees of the I. I. Board. This case involved a sale of sovereign lands located in Biscayne Bay, in Dade County, which sale a majority of the Trustees had previously voted to make to Thomas H. Horobin. This sale was agreed to by the Trustees against the advice and vote of the Attorney General, and contrary thereto. Citizens, residents and taxpayers of Dade County then brought this suit in Leon County to enjoin this sale. Mr. Crandon is the initial party named in this suit and happens to be also the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of that county. The suit was brought against the five Trustees of the I. I. Board, among whom the Attorney General is one. The Attorney General promptly notified the Governor and the other three board members, that he was disqualified to represent the Trustees in the suit because he had advised against the sale which the suit was brought to enjoin. They then employed Mr. Parker to represent four of them, not including the Attorney General and the Attorney General filed an answer in the suit setting up the reason for the advice he had previously given the Trustees and his official position as a Trustee with respect to such sale, showing that in his opinion the sale ought not to be made because of reasons stated fully in his answer.

In a hearing had in the case under a motion for a temporary injunction, argued by Mr. Mark Wilcox of Miami representing the plaintiffs, the court sustained the Attorney General's position and granted a temporary injunction against the Trustees making the sale. Subsequently, the four Trustees reversed themselves on the sale and determined not to make it. Whereupon Mr. Parker, representing them, filed a motion to dismiss the suit, because the issue involved had become moot, since the Trustees had rescinded their former order of sale. Whereupon the court dismissed the case. For this service, the four Trustees at the meeting on November 6th, now under discussion, voted the Governor's former



law partner, a fee of \$4,500.00. Had the Attorney General's advice with respect to its subject matter been followed by the four Trustees in the first instance, this suit would never have been brought.

The minutes of the November 6th meeting recite that the employment of Mr. Parker had become necessary because of the dissatisfaction on the part of the public over delays, carrying the implication that such delays were attributable to the Attorney General. I wonder what delays are referred to. If it should prove that certain persons, firms or corporations, claim that delays have been occasioned in the handling of applications for oil leases and the like, I shall be happy to have a thorough investigation on the part of impartial public representatives to determine whether or not those delays were the result of efforts on the part of the Attorney General to represent the public interests involved, rather than because of any neglectful performance by him. I am perfectly willing for the representation as shown from day to day and week to week by my office of the Board of Trustees throughout the last five years to speak for itself, and to be judged accordingly. Tax payers are shouldering the burden of an unnecessary \$4,500.00 fee for the trivial services in the case referred to herein, and a \$6,000.00 annual fee for the legal, annual employment of outside special counsel, such counsel in both instances being the Governor's former law partner.

With respect to the employment of this special counsel in substitution of the Attorney General, there is a question of right and legal authority involved, and because of the public interest which this question embraces, the Attorney General will test such action by appropriate court proceedings."

Mr. Watson further informed the Board as to his position and stated that new counsel employed by the Trustees would have full cooperation from him in getting information necessary, but that he reserved the

right as a minority member of the Trustees to represent himself in a legal capacity as his best judgment dictated and that it was his intention to test the authority of the majority of the Board to employ counsel other than the Attorney General; that such test is not predicated upon any opposition to associate counsel but only upon the belief that the law contemplated the Attorney General as the legal representative of the Trustees.

Governor Caldwell stated that he had hoped to get a meeting the day before in order that the Attorney General could have the opportunity of making any statement he desired on action taken at the November 6th meeting, but was unable to get such meeting.

Mr. Larson suggested that as only three members were present that the meeting adjourn until the full membership could attend.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 9, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Trustees having ordered advertised for sale two iron safes owned by the Trustees, Mr. Elliot reported that he had received bid of \$50.00 each for the safes and desired to know if the offers should be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to accept an offer

of not less than \$50.00 each for the safes, purchaser to pay cost of moving. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. EDWIN LARSON,  
Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 15, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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The Secretary presented statement of Everglades Drainage District and Sub-Drainage District taxes due on State owned land in the respective districts, and recommended that payment be authorized this month in order to take advantage of the 4% discount allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following taxes be paid and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector  
Broward County

Amount of Drainage Taxes	\$15,000.00	
Less 4% Discount .....	600.00	\$14,400.00

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C. H. Collier, Tax Collector  
Collier County

Amount of Drainage Taxes ...	2.10	
Less 4% Discount .....	.08	2.02

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H. Ernest Overstreet, Tax Collector  
Dade County

Amount of Drainage Taxes	10,694.43	
Less 4% Discount	427.78	10,266.65
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R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector		
Glades County		
Amount of Drainage Taxes	366.45	
Less 4% Discount	14.66	351.79
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R. N. Miller, Tax Collector		
Hendry County		
Amount of Drainage Taxes	1,800.00	
Less 4% Discount	72.00	1,728.00
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Frank J. Armstrong, Tax Collector		
Highlands County		
Amount of Drainage Taxes	49.13	
Less 4% Discount	1.97	47.16
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L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector		
Martin County		
Amount of Drainage Taxes	28.67	
Less 4% Discount	1.15	27.52
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Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector		
Palm Beach County		
Amount of Everglades		
Drain. Dist. Taxes	47,472.75	
Amount of So. Fla. Consv.		
Dist. Taxes	9,994.87	
Amount of Ritta Drain.		
Dist. Taxes	809.60	
Amount of Pahokee Drain.		
Dist. Taxes	31.50	
Amount of So. Shore Drain.		
Dist. Taxes	22.50	
Amount of Pelican Lake		
Drg. Dist. Taxes	4,117.20	



Amount of Fla. Inland Nav.		
Dist. Taxes .....	.39	
	<u>62,448.81</u>	
Less 4% Discount .....	2,497.95	59,950.86
	<u>2,497.95</u>	
TOTAL .....		<u>\$86,774.00</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
November 23, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Payrolls and bills for the month of November were presented for consideration of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills under Chapters 610 and 18296 be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Comptroller, State of Florida .....	\$ 4.35
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	13.75
Mickler and Mickler, Attys at Law, St. Augustine .....	188.55
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00

H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office .....	75.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	416.67
Caroline S. Silver, Secretary .....	117.23
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,293.55</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee \$	6.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	12.10
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,285.60</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of November, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Marie Green c/o G. M. Simmons, C.C.C. Brevard County Titusville, Florida .....	\$17.50
Ben Woods and Inez Woods c/o W. A. Williams, Jr., C.C.C. Putnam County Palatka, Florida .....	55.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$72.50</b>

The Secretary reported transfer for the month of November 1945 from Murphy Act sales to General Revenue Fund as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
December 11, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

J. Tom Watson, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells.

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SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Luther Taylor of Winter Haven, Florida, submitted application from John A. Snively with offer of \$1,765.00 to purchase approximately 500 lots of a boom time subdivision known as Inwood No. 5 and Inwood No. 6, Section 6, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, containing 80 acres, estimated. Information was furnished that the land was formerly owned by Lake Eloise Groves, now defunct, and that Mr. Snively was a member of that company and makes application as former owner. In 1932 the land was assessed at \$17,515.00 and in 1944 at \$10,060.00, is not subject to any drainage or municipal taxes and has no timber or any improvements thereon. Polk County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to decline offer from Mr. Snively and made counter proposal to allow the lots advertised with a base bid of \$5.00 per lot with deed to contain oil and mineral reservations. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
December 12, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. Watson presented request from F. M. Hahn of Tampa, Florida, that the Trustees waive its mortgage claim on Pinellas County land covered by Mortgage No. 17333 dated September 9, 1925 from R. E. Skinner and wife, involving the following described land:

In Lot 1—33 acres, more or less, and the submerged shallow flats in Clearwater Harbor adjoining and lying East of said Lot 1, containing 73 acres, more or less, all located in Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Information was furnished that principal of the mortgage amounted to \$18,000.00 and the Trustees foreclosed said mortgage receiving final decree in June



1945. While title to the land was out of the State a tax certificate was issued and the property was certified to the State under the Murphy Act. Mr. Hahn purchased the said land under the Murphy Act and now desires that the Trustees waive its claim under the mortgage.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees have the land appraised and allow Mr. Hahn to purchase for amount of the appraisal less payments made for the Murphy Act deeds. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Watson brought up the question involving ownership of a strip of unsurveyed land in the lower part of the State title to which is claimed by the Model Land Company and also by the Trustees. The Attorney General recommended that the question be taken into court so that identification of the land may be determined. The strip in question is located between Townships 58 and 59 South, in Ranges 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees authorize that legal proceedings be brought to determine the identification and ownership of the land involved. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Further discussion was had as to the advisability of having the area surveyed for determining the location and also the possibility of adjustment of the claims in order to avoid litigation. No action was taken on these two points, the Board being of the opinion that when the Attorney goes into the case these items can be considered.

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Mr. Julius F. Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, presented form of resolution that Mr. Robert M. Thomson requests the Trustees to adopt in reference to leasing the reserved interest held by the State in approximately 22,000 acres of land, title to which land is in the name of Philadelphia-Florida Corporation.

Mr. Thomson was present and informed the Board that the oil company they were dealing with was not interested in a lease at this time but would like to have a ten-year option on the reserved interest of the Trus-

tees for a cash consideration and if and when the lease was taken it would contain the usual drilling requirements.

Mr. Parker called attention to the fact that the application of Mr. Thomson's clients presented questions that he would like to have a Court decision on and asked authority to file a petition for declaratory decree in the Courts of Leon County for determination of whether the State has the right to reserve the minerals, and if so, does it have the right to lease the reserved interest, or enter into an operating agreement, and if so, does the lease or agreement of the reserved interest have to be advertised under the 1945 Act of the Legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Parker to bring suit to settle the questions brought up. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

The Trustees indicated that they would not be favorable to granting the option desired and no action was taken with reference to the resolution, pending outcome of the suit to be brought.

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Mr. Parker requested authority to defend suit instituted by the Attorney General questioning authority of the Trustees to employ Mr. Parker as attorney.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that Mr. Parker be authorized to defend the suit brought. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Morris White of Tampa, Florida, stated to the Board that he understood an application was pending for exclusive shell lease in the Tampa Bay area and requested that the Trustees not take definite action until clients of his have an opportunity to submit a proposal which if the plans go through will mean construction of a chicken feed plant at a cost of not less than \$100,000.00.

Mr. Morris was informed that the Trustees did not have an application before them for an exclusive shell lease and when his clients were ready to submit a proposal it would be given consideration.

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Mr. Watson excused from further attendance.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Noah B. Butt of Cocoa, requesting information as to whether or not the Trustees will handle applications from honorably discharged veterans for homesteading County owned lands in the same manner as applications for State lands will be handled under the provisions of Chapter 22860, Acts of 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Butt be advised that it was the opinion of the Trustees that the applications should be handled by the various counties. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Upon request from Allen C. Grazier, on behalf of St. Petersburg Port Authority, for appointment to meet with the Trustees early in January, 1946, Tuesday, January 8th, 1946, was agreed upon as a date for hearing clients of Mr. Grazier, and other parties who desired to come before the Board.

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Mr. Wells presented six sales advertised for disposition on December 4th, but owing to a quorum not being present bids were received and held until this date.

Upon application of W. T. Hull with offer of \$6.00 an acre, the Trustees authorized advertised for competitive bids land in Hendry County and the following Notice was published in the Clewiston News of Clewiston, Florida, on November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida October 30th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 4th, 1945, for lands in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Lawrence Truett, representing Mr. Hull, bid \$6.00 an acre for the land and no other bid was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described to Mr. Hull at the price bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon application from Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Alberto Estaves, with offer of \$15.00 an acre, the Trustees ordered advertised for bids land in Palm Beach County and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post in the issues of November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 30th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 4th, 1945, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Sections 13 and 24, Township 47 South, Range 38 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.



BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The only bid received was \$15.00 an acre from Mr. Estaves.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson to confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Estaves at the price offered. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Upon application from Johnson & Johnson, on behalf of William F. Dethlefs, with offer of \$10.00 an acre, Palm Beach County land was ordered advertised and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on November 3, 10, 17, 24, and December 1, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., December 4th, 1945, the following lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

That portion of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, lying West of the Canal intersecting said section, containing approximately 120 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Bid of \$10.00 an acre being the only offer received for the land, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the same and authorize sale to Mr. Dethlefs. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Based on application from B. B. Purcell with offer of \$399.00 for marginal land on Lake Conway, Orange County, the Trustees authorized advertisement of the land for objections only and the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31st, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., December 4th, 1945, the following described lands in ORANGE COUNTY:

Begin at the N. E. Corner of Lot 16, Block "A", run North along E. line of said Lot 16, a distance of 310.5 ft., thence S. 75° 22' W. 210.9 ft., to W. line of Lot 15 produced, thence S. 8° 32' E. 261 ft. to N. W. Corner of Lot 15, thence, N. 80° 39' E. 96.7 ft. to N. E. Corner of Lot 15, thence S. 78° 04' E. 71.55 ft. to point of beginning as per Plat of Lake Conway Park, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida. Containing 1.33 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of \$399.00 from Mr. Purcell for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Sarasota County land was ordered advertised by the Trustees, for objections only, based on offer of \$150.00 an acre from E. S. Boyd, and the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald, in the issues of November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 1945:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 22, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. December 4th, 1945, the following described lands in SARASOTA COUNTY:

From the intersection of westerly meander line of U. S. Lot 4, Sec. 1, Twp. 37 South, Rge. 17 East, and North line of Bee Street, Revised Plat of Siesta as recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, Plat Book 1, Page 243, produced West; run S. 10° 00' West along said meander line 1028 feet to a point; thence S. 30° 00' East 462 feet to a point; thence South 85° 00' West 310 feet along the westerly and northerly meander lines of U. S. Lots 4 and 6 of said section, to an intersection with the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico; thence northerly along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico 1215 feet to an intersection with the north line of Bee Street produced west; thence North 89° 25' East 196 feet to point of beginning, containing 9.30 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$150.00 an acre and confirm sale to Mr. Boyd. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. J. P. Walker having applied to purchase Little Conch Key in Monroe County, for which he offered \$1500.00, the Trustees authorized the property advertised for objections and competitive bidding. The following Notice was published in the Key West Citizen on November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 22nd, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections and high bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 4th, 1945, the following described lands in MONROE COUNTY:

A small island or key located near the middle of unsurveyed Section 15 of Township 65 South, Range 34 East, the dimensions of which are, longest north-west and south-east approximately 600 feet, widest, north-east and south-west approximately 300 feet, having an area of 3 acres, more or less.

Its location is further described as approximately 450 feet South of the center line of Florida Overseas Highway to the North edge of said key, Latitude 24° 47' 00" North—Longitude 80° 53' 48" West.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.



The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

On date of sale Mr. Walker and Mr. W. P. Cash competed in bidding for the key, resulting in a high bid of \$5100.00 from Mr. Walker. No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept \$5100.00 bid by Mr. Walker for Little Conch Key. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from H. C. Corry of Quincy, Florida, offering \$5.00 an acre for

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 39.94 acres in Gadsden County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids based on the offer of \$5.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action on the following items and directed that the land applied for in each instance be appraised:

Edward O'Grady Denison of Fort Pierce—Offer of \$15.00 an acre for the North 400 feet of Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 30, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, containing 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in St. Lucie County. Land permanently reclaimed;

Dr. J. M. Gilbert of Sebring, Florida—Offer of \$10.00 an acre for Lots 2 and 3, Section 32, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County;

J. F. Holly of Orlando, Florida—Offer of \$300.00 cash for E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$

of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 10, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, Polk County.

The Land Clerk was directed to have appraisals made and report back to the Trustees.

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Application was presented from C. W. Foxworth of St. Augustine, Florida, offering \$800.00 annually for five-year turpentine lease on 626.98 acres of State land in

Section 32, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Section 28, All in Township 5 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year turpentine lease on the land described in favor of Mr. Foxworth upon payment of \$800.00 annually in advance. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the following offers:

R. G. Johnson and Paul Rardin—Offer of \$10.00 an acre for Sections 7, 9, 11 and 13, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County;

William R. Kenoyer of St. Petersburg, Florida—Offer of \$41.25 an acre for a twenty-acre tract in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County;

Samuel A. Patrick, on behalf of Pan American Oil Company—Application for oil lease on reserved interest of the State in 400 acres of land in Liberty County owned by C. K. Wall. Information was furnished that the oil company is not in position to make commitment at this time as to drilling date.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the applications denied.

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Application was presented from Thomas H. Horobin with offer of \$1000.00 an acre for a portion of submerged land in Biscayne Bay which is not covered by water more than three feet deep at high tide. The

area is described as lying east of the west boundary line of Miami Beach for a distance of 1200 feet and extending south from land now owned by applicant on 79th Street Causeway to the right of way of 36th Street Causeway, a distance of approximately two miles, and containing approximately 250 acres. The offer also includes payment for all fill material between 79th Street Causeway and Venetian Causeway, except land and fill material conveyed to the State Road Department. Land and fill material are located in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to advertise the area under water not more than three feet deep for competitive bids and objections, and that the County and City officials of Miami and Miami Beach be notified in order that they may file objections if they have any. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of seven and one-half cents ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ ) per cubic yard was submitted from Mr. Roux Smith, on behalf of Benton and Company, Inc. of St. Petersburg, Florida, for three-year shell lease covering an area in Tampa Bay, the Company agreeing that it will not interfere with navigation or any live oyster bars.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize three-year non-exclusive shell lease in favor of Benton and Company, Inc., at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Dennis Small to purchase

Sections 8, 9, 10, 16;  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Secs. 17 and 21, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Palm Beach County.

Offer for the land runs from \$4.50 an acre to \$6.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding provided Mr. Small will agree to bid not less than \$6.00 an acre for the entire tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of \$100.00 was presented from George Nesmith for a shallow bank near the western side of Goose Creek in Wakulla County, or an alternate proposal to lease the area for 10 years at a yearly rental of \$10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to decline to sell that shallow bank at the price offered, but that the Trustees agree to grant a ten-year lease on the property at the price of \$10.00 annually. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Request was presented from Waybright & Waybright, Attorneys for H. C. Salis, for purchase of

Lot 1, Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, containing 23½ acres in Duval County.

Mr. Wells reported that one or two other parties had evidenced interest in the property but an offer of \$11.00 an acre from Mr. Salis was the best price received so far; that Mr. Salis is reported to be living on the property, having constructed a house and other buildings, and feels that he is entitled to some consideration since the improvements were put on the property through mistake of the boundaries of adjoining property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of \$11.00 an acre be declined and that the land be offered to Mr. Salis at \$15.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was received from Raymond Ellars, on behalf of Dr. F. D. Middlebrook and Waterwitch Club, making an offer at the rate of \$300.00 an acre for approximately 1.77 acres for reclaimed land on Lake Conway, Orange County, being a strip between the property of applicants and the waters of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections only based on the bid of \$400.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Harley Watson for extension of time within which to make payments on Contracts Nos. 18437, 18475 and 18532, now past due, in order that he might be able to purchase some neces-



sary equipment to be used on the land. He agrees to pay interest due.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from William L. Wilson, Director of State Markets, for extension to June 1, 1964, of lease on Pahokee Market Site, being the

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 11, Section 9, Township 42 South,  
Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

It was explained that the State Agricultural Marketing Board had a lease from the City of Pahokee for an adjoining parcel which expires June 1, 1964, and as it was contemplated that a \$50,000.00 Market building would be constructed on the property the Marketing Board desired that the leases expire at the same time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of the lease to June 1, 1964. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Proposal was submitted from Mrs. Calvin A. Shive with offer of \$500.00 in full settlement of balance of \$1,246.60, with 6% interest from December 12, 1932, due on Contract No. 18192 in favor of Calvin A. Shive, deceased.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to accept offer from Mrs. Shive in settlement of her husband's contract, provided payment is made within sixty (60) days. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to deny the following offers:

Charles A. Mitchell, for Charles S. Dale—Offer of \$5.00 an acre for Tracts 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110 in Sections 23, 27 and 35, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County, and

William F. Bevis, on behalf of client—Offer of \$20.00 an acre for land owned by the State in

Sections 27, 28 and 34 in Township 35 South,  
Range 41 East, Highlands County. Appraisal  
ordered made.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from J. E. Holloway on  
behalf of Lykes Brothers, Inc., for renewal of Grazing  
Lease No. 109 for a period of five (5) years, covering  
land described as

Lot 2, Section 27  
Lots 1, 2 and 3, Section 34  
All in Township 40 South, Range 32 East,  
Containing 174.53 acres in Glades County.

Original lease calls for payment of fifty cents (50¢)  
per acre per annum.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr.  
Larson, that Lease No. 109 be renewed for a period  
of five years upon payment of seventy-five cents (75¢)  
an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Robert M. Thomson came back before the  
Board and asked that the Trustees revert to the sub-  
ject presented by him earlier in the day. He asked  
that the Trustees agree to joint advertisement with the  
owner of the land asking for bids to lease for oil and  
mineral purposes, such advertisement to exclude the  
area to be embodied in suit to be filed by Mr. Parker.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr.  
Mayo, that the request of Mr. Thomson be granted  
with the understanding that the area to be included in  
the test suit be eliminated. Upon vote the motion  
was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr.  
Larson, that the Trustees adopt form of oil and mineral  
lease submitted as required by Act of the 1945 Legisla-  
ture, the same form having been approved by the State  
Board of Education for leasing School lands. Upon  
vote the motion was adopted.

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Expenses of the Trustees for the month of Decem-  
ber were presented for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

S. S. Savage, Ocala, Florida .....	\$ 53.70
Frank J. Heintz, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	77.91
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	21.53
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Caroline S. Silver, Secretary .....	185.00
S. Raymond Shearer, guardian for Mamie K. Shearer .....	29.03
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	7.30
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee .....	1,640.20
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Dade County .....	2.05
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court .....	12.00
The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville .....	20.63
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,027.35</b>

At an informal meeting December 8th three members of the Trustees approved the following expense accounts of Mr. Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent, and the Comptroller was requested to issue warrant in payment thereof:

Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent  
Avon Park, Florida

Reimbursement for expenses incurred re: inspecting State lands during September and October 84.00  
148.50 \$232.50

The Trustees on November 15th having approved payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, the

following bill was presented and the Comptroller was requested to issue warrant in payment thereof:

Mrs. Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector  
Okeechobee County  
Okeechobee, Florida

Amount of Everglades Drainage

District taxes for the year 1945 \$15.85

Less 3% Discount .....47 \$15.38

Earnest Overstreet

Tax Collector

Dade County

Miami, Florida

To balance due on Drainage

Taxes for 1945 ..... \$10.40

**TOTAL** ..... **\$25.78**

Financial Statements for the month of November  
are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1945 .....\$584,033.49

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....\$17,970.45

Land Sales—Chap. 14717—Glades

County ..... 500.00

Land Lease ..... .75

Farm Lease ..... 191.25

Mineral Leases ..... 37.50

General Lease ..... 48.75

Shell Leases ..... 45.00

Timber Leases ..... 1,532.29

Sale of Trustees Minutes ..... 6.50

Sale of Two Iron Safes ..... 125.00

Interest on Nos. 18437, 18475 & 18532 ..... 498.67

Bombsite ..... 1.50

Pipe Line R/w—375.00; Fishing

Campsites—\$266.25 ..... 641.25

Reimbursement a/c Advertisement

Cost, Broward County Land

Sale Chapter 14717 ..... 7.50



## Total Receipts for the month of

November, 1945 .....\$21,606.41 \$21,606.41

Total .....\$605,639.90

Less Disbursements ..... 94,012.67

BALANCES AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1945 .....\$511,627.23

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
11-1-45	93036	S. S. Savage .....	\$ 51.45
	93037	Cecil T. Farrington, AAG .....	108.98
	93038	Frank J. Heintz, AAG .....	86.21
	93039	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	92.10
11-17-45	101769	W. O. Berryhill, TC .....	14,400.00
	101770	C. H. Collier, TC .....	2.02
	101771	H. Earnest Overstreet, TC .....	10,266.65
	101772	R. D. Yoder, TC .....	351.79
	101773	R. N. Miller, TC .....	1,728.00
	101774	Frank J. Armstrong, TC .....	47.16
	101775	L. C. Kickliter, TC .....	27.52
	101776	Stetson O. Sproul, TC .....	59,950.86
	101777	Julius Parker .....	4,500.00
	101778	Julius Parker .....	147.09
	101779	Mrs. D. S. Weeks, CCC .....	161.59
11-30-45	112722	F. C. Elliot .....	287.15
	112723	M. O. Barco .....	136.20
	112724	Jentye Dedge .....	185.45
	112725	H. L. Shearer .....	71.25
	112726	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	112727	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	112728	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
	112729	A. C. Bridges .....	249.55
	112730	Julius F. Parker .....	335.64
	112731	Caroline F. Silver .....	104.87
	116374	Comptroller of Florida .....	4.35
		5% Retirement Fund .....	104.34
		Withholding Tax .....	361.10
TOTAL .....			\$94,012.67

## UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of November 1, 1945 .....\$ 38,274.45

Receipts for the Month	
Oil Lease .....	12,030.53
Total .....	<u>\$ 50,304.98</u>

## Less Disbursements

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
11-16-45	100782	Humble Oil & Ref Co .....	\$ 23,000.00 23,000.00
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1945 .....			<u>\$ 27,304.98</u>

## UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of November 1, 1945 .....	\$ 70,520.81
Receipts for the Month .....	76,772.67
Total .....	<u>\$147,293.48</u>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	51,267.50
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1945 .....	<u>\$ 96,025.98</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
11-27-45	104831	J. Edwin Larson, ST—Trans- fer to GR .....	\$50,000.00
11-30-45	112404	Ernest Hewitt .....	253.50
	112405	Helen Phillips .....	171.30
	112406	Mary Evans Voss .....	148.70
	112407	J. R. Roberts .....	177.40
	112408	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	112409	Jentye Dedge .....	26.60
	112410	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	112411	Mildred F. Scott .....	140.35
	112412	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	121.00
		Withholding Tax .....	133.80
		5% Retirement Fund .....	23.60
TOTAL .....			<u>\$51,267.50</u>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that

they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	10/15/45	1
Alachua	10/24/45	1
Alachua	11/21/45	16
Baker	10/15/45	1
Bay	11/16/45	7
Charlotte	11/5/45	13
Citrus	10/22/45	17
Clay	11/3/45	2
Clay	11/10/45	2
Clay	11/17/45	1
Dade	10/10/45	3
Dade	11/2/45	3
Dade	11/7/45	55
Dade	11/9/45	13
DeSoto	11/12/45	5
DeSoto	11/19/45	1
Dixie	11/12/45	1
Escambia	11/5/45	8
Flagler	11/5/45	1
Gadsden	11/14/45	1
Gadsden	11/27/45	1
Gulf	10/29/45	1
Hamilton	11/5/45	1
Hernando	10/27/45	2
Hernando	11/5/45	6
Hernando	12/3/45	4
Hillsborough	10/29/45	36
Hillsborough	11/13/45	33
Hillsborough	11/26/45	41
Indian River	10/22/45	78
Indian River	11/19/45	16
Lake	11/12/45	30
Manatee	11/5/45	26
Manatee	11/13/45	76
Martin	11/5/45	19
Nassau	11/5/45	5
Okeechobee	11/19/45	24
Orange	10/1/45	54
Orange	11/5/45	52
Osceola	10/29/45	1

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Palm Beach	8/10/45	232
Palm Beach	9/7/45	334
Palm Beach	9/7/45	113
Pasco	11/5/45	21
Pinellas	6/26/45	1
Pinellas	10/2/45	1
Pinellas	10/16/45	127
Pinellas	10/30/45	1
Polk	7/31/45	70
Putnam	11/3/45	74
Putnam	12/1/45	45
Santa Rosa	11/5/45	35
Sarasota	10/22/45	15
Sarasota	10/29/45	45
Sarasota	11/13/45	30
Sarasota	11/26/45	19
Seminole	11/12/45	20
St. Johns	11/9/45	21
St. Lucie	11/5/45	39
Sumter	9/17/45	1
Sumter	11/12/45	22
Suwannee	11/5/45	6
Taylor	1/20/44	1
Taylor	10/19/45	1
Taylor	11/9/45	5
Taylor	11/16/45	3
Volusia	10/29/45	28
Volusia	11/5/45	2
Walton	11/27/45	5
Washington	10/1/45	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon presentation of applications for release of State road right of way reservations in Murphy Act deeds, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of road



reservations as follows, the State Road Department having recommended such releases:

DADE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 1257—to John B. O'Sullivan

DADE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 03—Chap. 21684  
—to Martin F. Whelan, Jr. and Elsie M. Whelan, his wife;

DADE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 03—Chap. 21684  
—to Martin F. Whelan, Sr.

DADE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 1614—to Martin F. Whelan, Jr. and Elsie M. Whelan, his wife;

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 08  
—Chap. 21684—to C. E. Ball.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 2482—to B. J. Finman

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 08—Chap. 21684—to Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District;

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 3950—to Fred H. Hoffman and Ruth Hoffman, his wife;

ORANGE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 1089—to Ward-Barnum-Schultz, Inc.

PINELLAS COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO. 2459—to C. M. Hunter

ST. LUCIE COUNTY Q.C. DEED NO 298—to C. F. Myers.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and delivered.

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Application was presented from Manuel Aronovitz and Sam Rosenfarb for duplicate Hillsborough County deed, original deed having been lost before recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute Duplicate Deed No. 1661 to applicants as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for correction deed involving Orange County land for the purpose of correcting spelling of grantee's name from Holley to Holly.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Orange County Deed No. 1398-COR. to J. F. Holly. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Mr. Ted Duncan, on behalf of Amelia Simmons, colored, former owner of Lot 21, Story Plat of Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 20 East, Alachua County, that the Trustees do not accept bid of \$10.00 from R. D. Kelly but make conveyance to former owner who agreed to pay \$20.00 and costs. Sale held September 19, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to accept protest from Amelia Simmons and readvertise the land, provided she deposits amount of costs and a bid of \$20.00 for the lot described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Lt. Jack S. Reaves of McCook, Nebraska, that the Trustees allow him the benefits of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act and decline to accept bid on Lot 2, Block 3, Olmstead Add., Alachua County, formerly owned by himself and sister.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees direct the Clerk of Alachua County to decline any bid for the lot, except from Lt. Reaves, and withdraw the land from sale for a period not exceeding one year. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$25.00 was presented from the City of Homestead for purchase of

1/4 acre, being West 45 feet of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Information was furnished that the parcel comprises a part of NE Second Avenue in Homestead and the bid equals one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel under provisions of Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County for conveyance of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 4, except platted in Blanchard's S/D, Plat Book 2—78, and part in A.C.L. Ry R/W Block K, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to convey the land under Chapter 21929, but make counter proposal to deed the land under Chapter 21684 upon payment of \$50.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the following permits for extension of power lines;

Flagler County—Permit to Florida Power and Light Company for right of way across approximately 48 lots in Blocks 16, 17 and 18, St. Johns Park. Consideration to be on the basis of fifty cents (50¢) per rod or \$44.25;

Lake County—Permit to Florida Power Corporation for right of way across Murphy Act land in East Umatilla S/D in Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 27 East. Consideration to be fifty cents per rod or \$83.35.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and permits authorized.

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Mr. Watson recorded as present.

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At the request of the Attorney General, action was deferred on the following subjects:

Request from the City of Titusville, Brevard County, that the Trustees eliminate clause in deed requiring the City to allow ninety days for former owners to reacquire property; and

Request from Mr. Lewis Hall, on behalf of Sam Simonhoff, that the Trustees reconsider action

heretofore taken and accept bid of his clients with certain provisions enumerated in proposal submitted.

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Attorney General Watson requested action on request from the City of Jacksonville for consent by the Trustees to a court order in condemnation proceedings—470-J-Civil—File 5072. The proposed order provides for distributing the entire award as to parcels 8 and 27 to the City of Jacksonville, explanation being made that the award on parcel 8 amounted to \$2,567.50 and the City of Jacksonville has claims for delinquent taxes amounting to \$6,830.20; that the award for parcel 27 was \$762.50 and the City's claim was filed as \$584.89, approximately \$200.00 less than the award. It now appears that there was an error in figuring the interest rate on Parcel 27 and the City asks that the Trustees consent to the entire award going to it.

Attorney General Watson recommended and offered a motion that the Trustees authorize stipulation in the above cases and permit the City of Jacksonville to receive the entire award on each of said parcels. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Attorney General Watson inquired what the attitude of the Trustees would be with respect to the question recently raised by Humble Oil & Refining Company as to claim of the State in the reserved oil interest in Murphy Act lands sold and conveyed previous to adoption of the rule making the reservation a part of the deed. Mr. Watson was of the opinion that the Trustees should dispose of the question and get a Court decision.

Mr. Watson moved that the Trustees institute legal proceedings to clear up two questions with reference to oil reservations in Murphy Act lands:

1. Whether the Statutes require oil and mineral reservations in Murphy Act deeds, and
2. Whether or not deeds executed without the reservation carries by force of law a reservation that is in existence and should be enforced.

Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.



Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 4.37
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee	1,640.20
Irma D. Thomas, Tallahassee	20.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,932.07</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were authorized issued during the month of December, 1945, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Sol Adelson c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	\$ 271.50
C. D. Crowl c/o Ray E. Green, C.C.C. Pinellas County Clearwater, Florida	10.00
J. G. Jordan c/o W. S. Weaver, C.C.C. Bay County Panama City, Florida	85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 366.50</b>

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
December 18, 1945.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Sinclair Wells.

The Trustees authorized advertisement of Okeechobee County land upon application from T. W. Conely, on behalf of J. R. Edwards, and the following Notice was published in the Okeechobee News on November 16th, 23rd, 30th, December 7th and 14th, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 18th, 1945, the following described lands in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of Tract No. 24 of the Eagle Bay survey as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 31, Records of Okeechobee County, Florida; and run thence S. 88° 36' E. 586.6 feet, thence S. 38° 46' W. 1075.4 ft. thence N. 88° 36' W. 361.3 ft., thence N. 27° 58' E. 955.4 ft. to Point of Beginning, containing 9.30 acres, in Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The PURCHASER is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Conely was present and offered \$17.50 an acre for the land. No other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept bid from Mr. Conely, on behalf of Mr. Edwards, for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees recessed to meet at 2:45.

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2:45 P. M.

The Trustees convened with the same members present.

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Mr. Wells reported that at about 12:50 a telegram was received from J. T. Hancock, Okeechobee, Florida, making an offer of \$1000.00 for the land in Okeechobee County which was sold to client of Mr. Conely at the morning session. The sale was advertised to be held at 11:00 o'clock and the telegram from Mr. Hancock was received at Western Union office before 11:00 o'clock but not delivered to the Trustees until the time given.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the sale be held up and that Mr. Wells be directed to contact Mr. Conely and see if his client desired to meet the bid of Mr. Hancock; also that Mr. Hancock be notified to deposit check in amount of \$200.00 as good faith that he would bid the amount stated in his telegram. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Action was deferred on request from Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction for conveyance of land, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

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Offer of \$27.00 an acre was presented from H. M. Forman for

Tracts 6 and 7, Tier 13, Newman's Survey—Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Information was furnished that the land came to the State through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer and make a counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids, provided applicant would agree to bid not less than \$50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Action was deferred, pending further investigation, on petition filed by residents of Alachua County, in the vicinity of Santa Fe Lake, requesting that the Trustees authorize trustees of Special Road and Bridge District No. 1 to remove dilapidated building from State lands around the lake for the reason that they are a nuisance to the community.

The Trustees having ordered advertised for objections only, based on offer of \$300.00 an acre from A. K. Gibbon, represented by Herman Goodwin, Inc., land on Lake Conway, Orange County, the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on November 16th, 23rd, 30th, December 7th and 14th, 1945:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 9th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. December 18th, 1945, the following described land in ORANGE COUNTY:

From the extreme South Corner of Lot 3, Block "A", run S. 30° W. 52 ft. to S. side of Road and original Lake Line the point of beginning of this description; thence N. 75° 57' W. along original Lake Line 129.8 ft. to W. line A. K. Gibbons description extended, thence S. 14° 30' E. along said line 106.08 ft. to Lake Conway, thence S. 80° 02' E. 53.7 ft. along Lake, thence N. 30° E. 93 ft. to beginning. All in Lake Conway Park as



per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", Page 138, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The PURCHASER is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale to Mr. Gibbon upon payment of \$75.00 for the parcel in Orange County containing 0.242 acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Application was presented from J. R. Shields and V. L. Barothy for lease on an area of submerged land in Monroe County along Overseas Highway at Whale Harbor Bridge, being a strip 350 feet northeast from the bridge, parallel with the highway and 200 feet deep. It was explained that the applicants propose to construct a fishing camp as a business, and offer \$40.00 annually for a ten-year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize ten-year joint lease at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Lt. J. R. Shields for ten-year lease on an area 300 feet by 200 feet along the Overseas Highway at Jew Fish Creek, Monroe County, for which he offers \$40.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer on the basis of \$40.00 annually and make counter proposal to authorize

a ten-year lease on the parcel at a price of \$65.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from R. L. Stokes offering \$500.00 for extension of Grazing Lease No. 18368 executed to H. O. Sebring covering approximately 1400 acres of land in Highlands County. Extension was asked for as long as the Trustees would allow.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year on said lease from December 1945 upon payment of \$500.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for permanent easement for spoil area in the waters of Nassau County in Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 28 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant permanent easement to Florida Inland Navigation District for right of way through the areas described, designated as Parcel MSA NA-10 and Parcel MSA NA-10-A. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was submitted from M. S. Hayes of Gainesville, Florida, for the following described land:

Section 1 and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson to advertise the land for competitive bidding based on the offer of \$5.00 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Van Camp, representing Magnolia Petroleum Company, explained to the Board that Lease No. 223 dated December 19, 1944, contained several errors, mostly of a typographical or transcription nature, and the company requested that the Trustees authorize a list of corrections to be recorded with the original instrument.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to correct any mistake made in the original Lease No. 223. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Charlotte	12/10/45	2
Dade	11/7/45	1
Hamilton	12/10/45	1
Nassau	12/10/45	1
Palm Beach	10/11/45	50
Pinellas	4/17/45	1
Pinellas	10/16/45	5
Seminole	11/12/45	1
St. Lucie	12/3/45	54
Taylor	11/30/45	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted for correction deed in favor of Eunice B. Bryan and John P. Bryan, for the purpose of inserting the section, township and range numbers in the land description, such information having been omitted from the original deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Putnam County Deed No. 1097-Cor. in favor of Eunice B. Bryan and John P. Bryan, husband and wife, in order that the section, township and range numbers may be properly given in the description. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to waive interest for three months on award from the United States covering Murphy Act land in Volusia County that was condemned by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. J. Lewis Hall, representing Sam Simonhoff on behalf of his clients H. G. Simpson and J. M. Gusky, requested that the Trustees reconsider action declining to execute Murphy Act deed to

Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East,  
Dade County, Florida,

which land was offered for sale October 11, 1944, but the bid declined on the ground that the land was involved in an oil lease. It was also explained that the sale was held jointly with the Everglades Drainage District and that said District had issued its deed to his clients. Mr. Hall asked that the Trustees now consider proposal which had been worked out with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Julius Parker, and recommended by them.

The proposal was discussed and Mr. Watson stated that he was opposed to granting the request.

Neither Mr. Elliot nor Mr. Parker being present, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that action be deferred until the Secretary and Attorney could be present. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Report was made that there would be available \$50,000.00 to be transferred to General Revenue and that the following transfer would be made the latter part of the month:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00



Presented for approval were Minutes of the Trustees dated October 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th (2), 8th, 9th, 15th, 23rd, December 11th and 12th, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Minutes of dates given be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 8, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells.

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Mr. D. C. Smith, Attorney for Fort Pierce Inlet District, Mr. Dan McCarty and commissioners of the District, were present. Mr. Smith presented application from the District for conveyance by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of a spoil area and adjoining submerged lands in St. Lucie County, described as:

Filled-in and submerged lands lying within the Causeway South Spoil Area (Spoil Area No. 1) containing 170 acres, approximately 12 acres of which is filled in and the remainder submerged.

It was explained that the land or funds derived from the use thereof would be used for public purposes;

that it was understood conveyance would be made subject to a perpetual easement issued to the United States in 1936. Maps were displayed showing the area. Upon inquiry as to whether or not the area applied for was involved in pending litigation, Mr. Smith replied that it was not.

Mr. Watson stated that he could see no objection to selling the filled-in area but did not think the Trustees had authority to dispose of submerged portions.

Mr. Smith and Mr. McCarty agreed that the submerged area would be eliminated from the application.

It was also pointed out to applicants that any conveyance would have to be conditioned upon preservation of any private rights in adjoining areas or any rights of the United States, and it will be necessary that the parcel be advertised as required by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the filled-in portion of the tract applied for, subject to approval of the Special Attorney for the Trustees and also subject to any existing easements or agreements involving the area. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. D. C. Smith, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, applied to purchase at a price of \$10.00 an acre a parcel of land described as,

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 8, Section 19, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, containing 20 acres in St. Lucie County.

Mr. Smith explained that the land was located about two (2) miles south of the Inlet, only a small portion of the tract being on the ocean, and the purpose for which it was desired was to establish a bathing beach and park for negroes of the County. Also, that the area is at present under lease to the United States Navy in connection with Ft. Pierce Amphibian Training Base which is now in process of being closed out.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the 20 acres to St. Lucie County at a price of \$10.00 an acre, deed to carry the condition that the area shall be used for public bathing beach purposes. Upon vote the motion

was adopted. Conveyance will be made subject to lease to the United States.

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Mr. W. H. Jackson and Mr. Chester Ferguson, representing Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., requested consent and approval of assignment of Leases Nos. 224-A and 248 and Exploration Contract No. 224 held by the Arnold company, assignment to be made to a new company to be formed for the purpose of receiving title. Information was given that controlling interest in the leases and contract would be in the new company headed by Lykes Brothers and the Arnolds would be stockholders in the corporation.

Mr. Watson expressed the opinion that on assignments of this kind the Trustees have the right to impose conditions with reference to drilling operations of the assignees and he would suggest that the matter be referred to the special attorney for the purpose of conferring with applicants and bringing recommendations back to the Board; that now is the time for the Trustees to exercise its right and require that the new company obligate itself to a program that will mean advancing the work and the commencement of wells earlier than required at present; that the State should be the beneficiary from this assignment and if the leases are assigned and a well comes in, it will be worth more than it is now, but with the large area involved and no further requirements imposed the land will be tied up for another four years with no obligation on the new company to start drilling any earlier than the present company.

Messrs. Jackson and Ferguson stated that they were not in position to submit a definite program for drilling because the company had not been formed; that Lykes Brothers would head the new organization and they would be fully responsible for carrying out all the requirements under the Arnold contracts and leases; that all obligations would be transferred and all the terms and conditions would be assumed by assignees.

Mr. Watson stated that he would be agreeable to considering the application if a definite proposal was submitted for early drilling in the area.

Comptroller Lee expressed the view that he was in favor of making such change as will be necessary

to further the matter to the end that drilling of wells be started; that he believed the Trustees' position would be better if assignment was made to the new company.

Mr. Mayo agreed that the Trustees' position would be improved by assigning the leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees approve assignment of Leases Nos. 224-A and 248 and Exploration Contract No. 248 held by Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc. to a new company to be formed, as represented by Messrs. Ferguson and Jackson. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted, Mr. Watson not voting.

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Mr. W. H. Jackson, on behalf of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., requested that the Trustees refer to the Special Attorney the question of the effect the 1945 laws have on Contract No. 224 and application for lease on the area south of the Pasco County line.

Without objection, the Governor directed that the question be so referred.

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Mr. Allen C. Grazier, representing St. Petersburg Port Authority, presented application for right of way easement across Tampa Bay for proposed Pinellas-Manatee Bridge Crossing over Lower Tampa Bay. Mr. Grazier explained that the application was first presented in July 1945 and since that time certain changes had been made in the plans to meet requirements of the War Department; that while the permit had not been issued, Colonel Jones, U. S. Engineer, had assured him by telephone that all matters had been worked out and the permit would be issued.

Mr. Watson stated that he would like to know if any of the communities in that section would have objection to the granting of right of way. Mr. Grazier replied that the application had been given wide publicity since July and that changes had been made to meet certain requirements of the port of Tampa.

Mr. Watson asked that action be delayed till the next meeting allowing him time to contact Tampa Chamber of Commerce and other communities in that area.



Mr. Grazier explained that the application covered two projects,—one for the Causeway and Bridge, and the other for port facilities; that the causeway and bridge would eventually become the property of the State Road Department, but the port facilities would remain the property of St. Petersburg Port Authority. He also brought out that the War Department required that the channel be dug as a part of the Intracoastal Waterway and displayed maps showing the two areas embodied in the application.

Discussion was had as to character of the two parcels. Mr. Grazier informed the Board that if the application as submitted could not be approved as one proposal, new description would have to be prepared.

Mr. Watson stated that he approves granting the right of way and additional spoil area but does not approve the water bottoms as there are legal objections involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the application be acted on at the next meeting of the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Action was deferred on application from Southern States Oil and Land Company for permit to explore for certain metals, stones, etc. in waters of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay Counties.

Mr. Watson asked for executive session on this application when it was considered.

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Offer of \$1000.00 was presented from Miami Beach Heights, Inc. for permission to remove 75,000 cubic yards of material from a location on the southerly shore of Baker's Haulover Cut, at the junction of the latter with Biscayne Bay and on the westerly side of Collins Avenue in Miami Beach, Dade County.

Mr. Elliot explained that application had been made to the War Department by the company and protest had been filed on behalf of the Trustees; also that a similar permit had been issued in 1929 to fill this area but only a small amount of material had been taken and recent storms had washed out the area on which the fill was deposited.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize

permit in favor of Miami Beach Heights, Inc. for taking material from the area described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Walter A. McElfresh, on behalf of Charellen Corporation and M. A. Hortt, to purchase submerged lands in Hillsboro Bay, Broward County, described as:

M. A. Hortt offers \$150.00 an acre or \$472.50 for Lot 2 in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 49 South, Range 43 East,—containing 3.15 acres, and

Charellen Corporation offers \$150.00 an acre or \$873.00 for Lot 3 in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 49 South, Range 43 East,—containing 5.82 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the Trustees advertise for objections lands applied for by clients of Mr. McElfresh on the basis of offers submitted. Mr. Watson not voting.

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Request was submitted from Florida Inland Navigation District for right of way across State land in St. Johns County designated as follows:

MSA-205-B—Certain portions of Pablo Creek which lie in Government Lot 1, Section 18, Township 3 South, Range 29 East—containing 4.25 acres;

MSA-231-A—Certain bay and creek bottoms in unsurveyed Sections 2 and 3, Township 5 South, Range 29 East,—containing 22 acres;

MSA-231-C—Certain bay and creek bottoms in portions of unsurveyed Sections 10 and 11, Township 5 South, Range 29 East,—containing 31 acres;

MSA-SJ 1-A—An area of sawgrass marsh in unsurveyed Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 30 East,—containing 41.5 acres;

MSA-SJ-1-B—A tract of sawgrass marsh in unsurveyed Sections 23 and 24, Township 9 South, Range 30 East,—containing 39 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Florida

Inland Navigation District and issue easements. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from the War Department for execution of Supplemental Agreement granting extension of six months for use of spoil areas in the St. Johns River, Duval County, described as:

S/A Parcel No. 19-A—Part of Quarantine Island and adjacent submerged areas in St. Johns River southerly of Dames Point, containing 220.4 acres more or less;

S/A Parcel No. 22-A—Part of an unnamed island and adjacent submerged areas in St. Johns River, approximately 400 feet southwestwardly from the mouth of Dunn's Creek, containing 41.9 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Supplemental Agreement as requested by the War Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/19/45	24
Bay	12/10/45	19
Brevard	10/25/45	1
Broward	10/15/45	170
Citrus	12/1/45	16
Citrus	12/15/45	2
Clay	12/15/45	1
Clay	12/29/45	3
Duval	10/18/45	214
Franklin	9/3/45	1
Franklin	11/5/45	5
Gadsden	12/17/45	2
Gadsden	12/31/45	4

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Gulf	12/10/45	1
Hamilton	12/10/45	2
Hardee	8/6/45	8
Hardee	10/1/45	2
Hardee	11/5/45	8
Holmes	10/26/45	1
Jackson	11/19/45	11
Jefferson	12/10/45	4
Lake	11/12/45	2
Levy	11/26/45	8
Manatee	12/3/45	22
Monroe	11/13/45	76
Okeechobee	12/17/45	12
Osceola	9/10/45	23
Osceola	10/29/45	1
Osceola	11/19/45	39
Osceola	12/17/45	16
Palm Beach	9/7/45	6
Pinellas	5/29/45	4
Pinellas	6/26/45	3
Pinellas	7/17/45	12
Pinellas	9/18/45	16
Pinellas	10/16/45	13
Santa Rosa	12/3/45	3
Sumter	12/10/45	12
Suwannee	12/3/45	4
Taylor	12/7/45	4
Volusia	11/5/45	86
Wakulla	9/13/45	2
Wakulla	11/21/45	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented for duplicate deed in favor of Mazie Preonas, original Palm Beach County Deed No. 295 having been lost before recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve execution of Palm



Beach County Deed No. 295—Duplicate as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Applications were presented for correction deeds involving Murphy Act land in Sarasota and Seminole Counties as follows:

Sarasota County Deed No. 608-Cor.—In favor of James Bryant and Annie Bryant—For correcting description by omitting reference to a subdivision which was erroneously included in original deed. Grantees are former owners;

Seminole County Deed No. 1063-Cor.—In favor of Mrs. Mary Ann Hinkle for the purpose of giving her full name instead of initials.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve issuance of correction deeds as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented for release of State Road right of way reservations in deeds heretofore issued:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1517 in favor of E. Burson Lucas;

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1815 in favor of L. A. Wood;

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2696 in favor of St. Petersburg Realty Co. Inc.

The State Road Department having recommended release of the right of way through the land covered by deeds listed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the deeds requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the State Road Department for permission to relocate a portion of State Road No. 277—Franklin County—and the parcel involved being under lease to the United States, it was necessary to have authority from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the State Road Department to make the necessary change in location of the road as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 22, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

**Present:**

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. Cody Fowler, Mr. T. R. Stacy and Mr. B. W. Haywood, representing Gulf Oil Corporation, presented written application requesting four (4) oil leases under the provisions of Exploration Contract and Option to Lease No. 344 issued to Joseph P. Scranton October 26, 1943, covering land in Dade and Monroe counties. There was also filed with the Trustees assignment from J. P. Scranton and Alma Victoria Scranton to Gulf Oil Corporation transferring interest in

Contract No. 344 and Option to Lease, dated Oct. 26, 1943;

Contract No. 248 and Option to Lease, dated Feb. 27, 1943;

Lease No. 362 dated September 5, 1944;

Lease No. 363 dated September 5, 1944;

Lease No. 364 dated September 5, 1944, and

Leases No. 373 and No. 374 dated October 31, 1944.

The application called for leases on four areas designated as Block 1, Block 2, Block 3 and Block 4, covering land described in Schedule "A" of Contract No. 344, each contract providing for payment of \$250.00 cash, or a total of \$1000.00, check for which was tendered with application.

Information was furnished that the leases follow the lease form attached to and made a part of Contract No. 344 as provided in said contract; also that the Trustees on September 11, 1945 consented to assignment of Contract No. 344 to Gulf Oil Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the application be referred to the Special Attorney, Mr. Julius Parker, for examination and that a time be set for the Trustees to receive his report thereon. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson, and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction with offer of \$54.39 for conveyance of

Lot 14, Block 7, Bell's Addition to Tampa Revised Plat, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 96, Hillsborough County, Florida.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to the land vested in the State by Master's deed under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and that the State and Hillsborough County had an equity in the land, the county's equity amounting to \$422.00 and the State's—\$49.39; that by resolution adopted October 19, 1945, the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County waived its equity in the proceeds from sale recommending that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund convey the property to the School Board of that county free and clear of the County's proportionate share of taxes.

The Hillsborough County School Board having offered an amount equal to the State's equity, plus \$5.00 to the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that conveyance of the lot be

made to the School Board as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

The Land Clerk reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees, based on offer of \$100.00 an acre from Kenneth W. Kerr, on behalf of The Contract and Investment Company, the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 21, 28, 1945, and January 4, 11 and 18, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 17th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 22nd, 1946, the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY:

Begin at the M.C. on the Section line between Sections 15 and 22 of Township 28 South, Range 15 East, which said corner is 20 chains west of the common corner to said Sections 15 and 22.

From said M.C. as the P.O.B., thence North 15° East 32 chains along the Government meander in Section 15;

Thence continuing along said meander North 7° 30' East 9.12 chains to the North line of the SE¼ of Section 15;

Thence North 89° 57' 2" West 19.53 chains;

Thence South 22° West 18.21 chains;

Thence South 6° 19' 24" West 29.18 chains;

Thence South 9° 21' East 22.79 chains;

Thence South 71° 58' 18" East 3.80 chains to the U. S. Government Meander in Section 22 of above township and range;

Thence North 37° East 15 chains along said meander;

Thence continuing along said meander North 12° East 18 chains to the M.C. on the boundary



between Sections 15 and 22, the point of beginning first above described.

Containing a total of 126.49 acres, from which after deducting the area of Island No. 6, 4.98 acres, includes 121.57 acres net covered by above description.

The foregoing description is by approximate bearings and distances subject to adjustment for issuance of deed.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

THE PURCHASER is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

It was explained that the land described was sold under deed and Mortgage No. 17,534 dated February 4, 1926 to Dunedin Isles Syndicate, Inc. and The Contract Investment Company is successor in title to original grantee and the company desires to clear the mortgage and get title to the land.

No objections being presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from client of Mr. Kerr for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the proper instruments authorized to complete the transaction. Mr. Watson stated that he was voting for sale of the property for the reason that it was for the purpose of clearing up an old mortgage.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees, based on application from L. A. Lynch with offer of \$12.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Florida Times Union on December 22, 29, 1945, and January 5, 12 and 19, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 19th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 22nd, 1946, for lands in DUVAL COUNTY, described as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 25 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. A. R. Richardson made an offer of \$13.50 an acre and Mr. Lynch raised his bid to \$14.00 an acre. No other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described to Mr. Lynch at the price of \$14.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that the following two sales were advertised for objections to be heard January 15th, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present consummation was deferred until this date, no objections having been presented:

Upon application from E. D. Tessier with offer of \$75.00 an acre, the following land in Pinellas County was advertised in The Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, on December 15, 22, 29, 1945, and January 5 and 12, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 8th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 15th, 1946, the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY:

From the intersection of the South line of Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, and the Government Meander Line on the East side of Long Key as a Point of Beginning, run North  $14^{\circ}$  West 570 feet along said meander line to the East side of an artificial channel on the East side of Dance-Sar Place; thence North  $41^{\circ}$  East 200 feet; thence South  $44^{\circ}$  East 1380 feet more or less to an intersection with the Government Meander Line on the West side of Mud Key, thence South and Northwest along said meander line to the P.O.B., containing in all  $16\frac{1}{4}$  acres, more or less.

From the intersection of the South line of Govt. Lot 3, Section 18, Township 32 South, Range 16 East and the Govt. Meander Line on the East side of the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida, run East 250 feet along said Govt. Lot Line, thence S.  $87^{\circ} 30'$  East 140 feet, for a P.O.B.

Thence S.  $87^{\circ} 30'$  E. 625 feet to an intersection with the Government Meander line on the West side of Mud Key, thence northeasterly along said Govt. Meander Line on the West side of Mud Key to a point North  $2^{\circ} 30'$  East from the P.O.B. thence South  $2^{\circ} 30'$  West 635 feet more or less to the P.O.B., containing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Tessier at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Upon application from Gedney, Johnston & Lilienthal, Attorneys, on behalf of Kenneth M. Dunning, with offer of \$1000.00 for the parcel, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post in the issues of December 15, 22, 29, 1945, and January 5 and 12, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 8th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subjection to objections only, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. January 15th, 1946, the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY:

All of the land included between the Government meanders of the east and west banks of Boca Ratones Lagoon, so called, lying westerly from, and bounded by the westerly extension of the north and south lines of the following described parcel of land:

The S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the North 660 feet of the 1320 feet of Government Lots 1 and 4 adjoining the North 2600 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, containing 1.85 acres, more or less.

A parcel of submerged or partly submerged land between the Government meander of the east and west banks of Boca Raton Lagoon lying westerly from and bounded by the westerly ex-



tension of North and south lines of upland owned by Kenneth M. Dunning, further located as follows:

From the South boundary of Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, North 1271 feet to the South boundary of the parcel described. The parcel described has a north and south width of 161½ feet, more or less, and contains 0.62 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed to the sale, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Dunning at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Mr. J. V. Keen of Tallahassee, Florida, representing A. E. Cummer of Sarasota, Florida, submitted a plat showing areas bordering on Sarasota Bay in Sarasota County which had been filled and improved by Mr. Cummer and adjoined his upland property. Application was made to purchase two tracts, one being formerly submerged land and the other high land; Tract "A" containing 19.8 acres and Tract "B" containing 32.4 acres, located in the SW¼ of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East. It was represented that the area was to be subdivided and sold, and that the City and County had approved the project. Applicants asked that they be allowed to purchase at the price they would have had to pay at the time permit was secured from the United States for filling the areas.

Information from the Land Office was that recent sales in that locality had been made at a price of \$150.00 an acre to parties owning adjoining uplands.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to accept \$150.00 an acre for the formerly submerged area and the tract of high land, subject to advertisement for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted and advertisement ordered upon receipt of proper description.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following applications be denied:

Mark R. Tennant offers \$12.50 an acre for land in Section 7, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. Appraised at \$20.00 an acre;

Dr. J. M. Gilbert offers \$10.00 an acre for Lots 2 and 3, Section 32, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing approximately 67 acres in Highlands County. Appraised at \$25.00 an acre;

J. E. Henderson applied to lease a small area of land owned by the Girls Industrial School at Ocala, Marion County;

James S. Land of Miami, Florida, offered \$26.00 an acre for land in Section 14; \$5.00 an acre for land in Sections 19 and 20, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, and \$12.00 an acre for land in Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, all in Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Application was presented from H. Gregory, on behalf of Bert R. Broadwell, offering \$30.00 an acre for land described as:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 13, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 15 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of \$30.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bidding provided applicant agrees to bid not less than

\$32.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Shark Industries, Hialeah, Florida, for permission to use a small area of spoil islands off the northwest shore of Key West for the purpose of drying shark fins. They agree to remove at any time requested by the Trustees the simple installations to be erected by them.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from R. W. Thomas, Jr., on behalf of Bay Dredging & Construction Company of Tampa, Florida, for three-year shell and sand lease covering areas in Tampa Bay, Hillsborough County. Offer was made at the rate of seven and one-half cents (7½¢) per cubic yard for shell and five cents (5¢) per cubic yard for sand to be removed from the area, and agreement that there would be no interference with navigation or with live oyster bars.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize non-exclusive lease for three years upon payment of rental as offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$91.50 was presented from Ray M. Browne of Belle Glade, Florida, for land described as:

0.61 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to a parcel recently purchased in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections based on offer from Mr. Browne. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from H. O. Peters offering five cents (5¢) per cubic yard for fill material to be taken from Lake Harris, Lake County, and placed on applicants' property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize J. Y. Lee and Louis Vellochi, clients of Mr. Peters, to remove fill material from Lake Harris at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Without objection the following requests were referred to F. C. Elliot, Engineer, for report and recommendations:

Application from J. E. Frierson, Manager, Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc., for right of way through Sections 12, 17, 16, 15, 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, for running electric line;

J. M. Couse of Moore Haven, Florida, requests declaration from the Trustees giving assurance that the State will not exercise the reservation for canal purposes or mining for oil, or grant such privilege to others, on land occupied by Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc., or on land near enough to constitute a threat to the proposed generating plant.

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A. R. Richardson, representing R. C. Alley and Bessemer Properties, submitted an offer of \$700.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land containing 1.47 acres located in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, adjacent to property purchased from the State in Deed No. 17116.

Recent sales in that locality having been made at a price of \$1000.00 an acre, the Trustees were not agreeable to accept \$700.00. Mr. Richardson raised the offer to \$1000.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1000.00 an acre subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Request was presented from Judge J. C. B. Koonce, representing Dade Memorial Park in Sumter County, that the Trustees authorize exchange of certain lands in order that the Park may have access to the highway.



Mr. Wells reported that this subject had been referred to the Land Appraiser to work with Judge Koonce with a view to arranging an exchange, which had been done and recommendation is now made that the Trustees authorize exchange of the

West 50 acres of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, owned by the State,

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17 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and a strip 210 feet wide, East of the 17 acre parcel, out to the highway, in same section, township and range, owned by Joe Webb.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize exchange of the land as outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Reconsideration was requested of application presented from Dennis Small at a recent meeting making the following offers for Hendry County land:

- \$4.75 an acre for Sections 8 and 9;
- \$4.50 an acre for Section 10;
- \$6.00 an acre for Section 17, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;
- \$5.50 an acre for Section 21,

All in Township 44 South, Range 33 East.

At a recent meeting the land was authorized advertised for bids at a flat price of \$6.00 an acre. It is requested that the land be advertised for bids on the basis of offers made as they are in excess of the appraised value and in view of the fact that the Trustees are not obligated to accept any bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind former action and authorize advertisement of the land described for bids based on offers made by Mr. Small. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that on December 18, 1945, the Trustees offered for sale

9.30 acres of lake bottom land in Okeechobee County, in Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East,

applied for by T. W. Conely on behalf of J. R. Edwards with a bid of \$17.50 an acre. The offer from Mr. Edwards was the only bid received at time of sale and Mr. Conely was advised that the bid would be accepted, however, a higher bid, from J. T. Hancock, was received by telegram prior to time of sale but was not delivered until after sale was held. Action on the sale was reconsidered and the Land Clerk instructed to get in touch with both parties and if necessary have the land readvertised. Upon contacting client of Mr. Conely he advised that he would not be interested in buying the land at the price offered by Mr. Hancock —\$1000.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1000.00 from Mr. Hancock for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson called attention to a condition that had been brought to his attention in connection with Grazing Lease No. 18447 dated April 2, 1938, in favor of Pearl, Clara and Edna Pearce, renewed in the name of Pearl and Edna Pearce with expiration date of January 26, 1946.

It was explained that Miss Pearl Pearce in April 1945 asked that the lease be renewed in her name only, stating to the Land Office that her sister was not interested further in leasing the land. Pursuant thereto, renewal was authorized for five years from January 26, 1946, in the name of Pearl Pearce. It has developed that Miss Edna Pearce does desire lease in her name and asks that the Trustees rescind action taken April 11th and make the lease to Pearl and Edna Pearce.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees rescind action taken April 11, 1945, revoking renewal of Grazing Lease No. 18447 in the name of Pearl Pearce only, and that renewal lease for a period of five years be made to Pearl and Edna Pearce jointly, covering marginal lands between the meander of Lake Okeecho-

bee and the lake, Glades County, at a consideration of fifty cents an acre annually. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Request was submitted from Florida Humus Company, successor in title to land conveyed by Trustees December 15, 1892 to Apopka Canal Company in Deed No. 14757, recorded in Deed Book 84, Page 330, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, for conveyance of 2608.22 acres of reclaimed land in Lake Apopka. Information was furnished that Apopka Canal Company and its successors in title permanently drained said land in pursuance of contract with the Trustees; that application was made to the United States for patent to the land but the request was denied on the ground that the lands were already held by the State by virtue of its sovereignty, being a part of the bottom of Lake Apopka. The Trustees did not have authority to convey that character of land until 1919 when an act was passed giving such authority.

Mr. Charles O. Andrews, Jr., representing Florida Humus Company, now asks that the Trustees deed the land to his clients at the price of \$1.00 an acre, which was the price agreed upon when original deed was issued in 1892.

Mr. Elliot reported that a survey has been made of the area and field notes prepared, conforming to requirements for State Surveys, and recommends that the Trustees upon being furnished with original township plat, accompanied by field notes, accept the same as a State Survey. He also reported that he thought it was in order for the Trustees to convey the land applied for and the only question was whether or not they would be agreeable to accept the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the 2608.22 acres located in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, and in Sections 18, 19 and 30, Township 21 South, Range 28 East, Orange County, at a price of \$1.00 an acre plus interest at the rate of three per cent (3%) from December 15, 1892. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Larson called up for disposition application from St. Petersburg Port Authority for easement across Lower Tampa Bay desired in connection with Pinellas-Manatee Bridge crossing. It was explained that Mr. Allen C. Grazier appeared before the board January 8th and presented the application; that action was deferred until this date in order that Mr. Watson have opportunity to ascertain whether there were any objections from the Tampa area.

Mr. Watson reported that he had taken the matter up with officials of Tampa and Hillsborough County and had received a letter from the Tampa Chamber of Commerce in which it was stated that Tampa and Hillsborough County would have no objections to the improvement provided the taxing powers of the county would be protected; that no more land than was agreed upon would be involved; also that the clearances of the bridges would be sufficient, and that the Chamber of Commerce was on record as not opposing the construction provided any substantial objections on the part of the County were met. The letter further stated that Colonel Gilbert A. Youngberg of Jacksonville, Florida, had been employed to represent Tampa and that he has filed his brief with Colonel Jones, U. S. District Engineer at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Watson advised that he was recommending easement for right of way for the bridge and causeway but did not recommend that the area for port facilities be granted. Other members were willing to grant areas for both projects.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of St. Petersburg Port Authority for the two projects—the bridge and causeway and for port facilities. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson requesting that his vote be recorded as against the area for port facilities.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:



F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	\$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Caroline S. Silver, Secretary .....	185.00
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee .....	41.26
Cecil T. Farrington, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	39.38
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	148.88
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	7.35
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	15.85
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	15.00
Mickler and Mickler, Attorneys at Law, St. Augustine .....	62.08
Frank Friend, Pahokee .....	139.90
Geo. G. Crawford, C.C.C. Leon County .....	27.40
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer .....	49.39
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	29.73
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,739.22</b>

Financial Statements for the month of December 1945 are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1945 .....\$511,627.23

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$ 8,480.16
Land Sales—Chapter 14572—Mar- tin County .....	4,400.00
Quit Claim Deed—Contract No. 18284-A .....	3.75
Interest on Contract No. 18585 .....	2.82
Farm Leases .....	2,391.97
Mineral Leases .....	56.25
Sand & Shell Leases .....	319.43
Grazing Leases .....	2,028.95
Miscellaneous Lease .....	18.75
Sale of Leather Bound Tr 43 & 44 Minutes—\$7.50 and Leather Bound Vo. 24—\$15.00 .....	22.50

Sale of Copy of 10-25-32 Resolution	2.00	
Campsites .....	63.75	
Pipeline R/W .....	75.00	
Refund Acct Overpayment Everglades Drainage Dist Taxes, Glades Co. . . . .	\$33.40—	
Palm Beach Co. . . . .	\$6,365.20	6,398.60
Refund, Acct overpayment to T. C. Hendry County . . . Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes 1945 .....		215.86
Tax payment on Contract		
No. 18585—41 & 42 .....	\$ 44.26	
18608 .....	620.60	
18849 .....	1,009.12	
		1,673.98
Total Receipts for month of December 1945 .....	\$26,153.77	
Less returned US Ck No 44090—date 3-17-43, Stale date .....		.75
Net Receipts for the month .....	\$26,153.02	26,153.02
Total .....		\$537,780.25
Less Disbursements for the month of December, 1945 .....		8,207.98
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1945 .....		\$529,572.27

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
12-3-45	117968	Southeastern Telephone Co. ..	\$ 13.75
	117969	Mickler & Mickler .....	188.55
12-11-45	124319	Mrs. Bessie Alderman, TC .....	15.38
	124320	Cyril Baldwin .....	232.50
12-13-45	126660	Lloyd M. Phillips .....	25.00
12-15-45	127160	J. Edwin Larson, ST—	
		3% Transfer to GR .....	3,695.05
12-17-45	129087	Earnest Overstreet, TC .....	10.40
12-18-45	130126	Comptroller of Florida .....	21.53
12-31-45	140365	F. C. Elliot .....	287.15
	140366	M. O. Barco .....	136.20
	140367	Jentye Dedge .....	185.45

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	140368	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	140369	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	140370	Cyril Baldwin .....	184.85
	140371	A. C. Bridges .....	249.55
	140372	Julius F. Parker .....	417.30
	140373	Caroline S. Silver .....	164.40
	140681	S. S. Savage .....	53.70
	140682	Frank J. Heintz .....	77.91
	140760	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	7.30
	140761	Rose Printing Co. ....	1,640.20
	140763	Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court .....	12.00
	140362	E. B. Leatherman, CCC .....	2.05
	140764	The Fla Times-Union .....	20.63
	142240	S. Raymond Shearer, Gdn for Mrs. H. L. Shearer .....	29.03
		5% Retirement Fund .....	73.90
		Withholding Tax .....	397.70
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			<b>\$8,207.98</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of December 1, 1945 ..... \$ 27,304.98

#### Receipts for the Month

Oil Leases ..... \$18,854.91

Total Receipts for the month ..... 18,854.91

Total ..... \$ 46,159.89

Disbursements for the month ..... —0—

**BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1945** ..... **\$ 46,159.89**

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of December 1, 1945 ..... \$ 96,025.98

Receipts for the month ..... 53,576.47

Total ..... \$149,602.45

Less Disbursements for the month ..... 53,389.17

**BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1945** ..... **\$ 96,213.28**

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
12-3-45	117722	Marie Green .....	\$ 17.50
	117723	Ben and Inez Woods .....	55.00
	117724	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	6.00
	117725	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	12.10
12-18-45	129695	J. G. Jordan .....	85.00
12-31-45	140347	Ernest Hewitt .....	253.50
	140348	Helen Phillips .....	171.30
	140349	Mary Evans Voss .....	148.70
	140350	J. R. Roberts .....	177.40
	140351	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	140352	Jentye Dedge .....	26.60
	140353	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	140354	Mildred F. Scott .....	140.35
	140355	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	121.00
	140621	J. Edwin Larson, ST, Trans- fer to GR .....	50,000.00
	140622	Sol Adelson .....	271.50
	140623	C. D. Crowl .....	10.00
	143216	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	4.37
	143217	Rose Printing Co. ....	1,640.20
	143218	Irma D. Thomas .....	20.00
		Withholding Tax .....	133.80
		5% Retirement Fund .....	23.60
TOTAL .....			\$53,389.17

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	12/19/45	1
Brevard	12/12/45	40
Broward	10/15/45	2
Broward	11/19/45	41
Charlotte	12/10/45	1



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Clay	1/5/46	2
Clay	1/12/46	8
Columbia	12/17/45	7
Dade	11/28/45	76
Dade	11/30/45	28
Dade	12/14/45	25
Duval	6/28/45	1
Duval	10/18/45	1
Escambia	12/13/45	23
Escambia	12/28/45	8
Franklin	12/10/45	2
Franklin	1/7/46	9
Hamilton	12/24/45	1
Hendry	12/3/45	6
Hendry	12/3/45	4
Hernando	12/29/45	13
Hillsborough	12/15/45	51
Hillsborough	12/31/45	98
Lake	12/10/45	46
Leon	11/30/45	1
Manatee	1/7/46	28
Monroe	1/10/46	49
Nassau	11/9/45	1
Nassau	12/31/45	26
Nassau	1/14/46	2
Orange	12/3/45	98
Palm Beach	10/11/45	313
Palm Beach	11/9/45	207
Palm Beach	11/9/45	5
Palm Beach	12/7/45	75
Palm Beach	12/7/45	4
Palm Beach	1/4/46	148
Pasco	12/3/45	20
Pasco	1/7/46	9
Pinellas	7/11/44	1
Polk	10/31/45	65
Polk	11/30/45	30
Putnam	1/5/46	91
Santa Rosa	1/6/46	4
Sarasota	12/10/45	15
Sarasota	12/31/45	24
Seminole	12/10/45	23

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
St. Lucie	1/7/46	125
Taylor	12/28/45	1
Volusia	12/3/45	67
Volusia	1/7/46	69
Washington	8/6/45	23
Washington	10/1/45	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the bids listed be accepted and that authority be given for issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary reported that several applications had been received for release of State road right of ways and that the State Road Department had recommended that the following releases be granted:

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 2619 EDDJ—  
William G. Gibson

Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 03-Chap 21684—  
William G. Gibson

Hillsborough Q. C. Deed No. 844—Old Peoples  
Home Association

Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3975—  
John A. Sewell and Evelyn Sewell

Palm Beach County Q. C. Deed No. 1654 to  
C. W. Dukes

Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 859 to Morton  
McDonald.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve release of the right of ways recommended by the State Road Department and authorize deeds listed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented for correction deed to correct the spelling of grantee's name from Naggie to "Noggle", as given in Broward County Deed No. 2266.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Broward County Deed No. 2266-COR. in favor of May R. Noggle. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 2.75
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	39.90
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Atlanta	13.60
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	10.16
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,383.91</b>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 23, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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A special meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was called for the purpose of hearing report from Special Attorney, Julius Parker, on application from Gulf Oil Corporation for four (4) leases involving areas described in Exploration Contract and Option to Lease No. 344, which contract was assigned to Gulf Oil Corporation by Joseph P. Scranton under authority given Mr. Scranton by the Trustees September 11, 1945.

Mr. Parker reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees January 22nd, he had a conference with representatives of Gulf Oil Corporation, Mr. F. C. Elliot and Mr. Sinclair Wells and had gone over the application presented to the Trustees on the 22nd. He submitted a written report in which he gave as his opinion "that the Trustees are obligated to execute the leases to the Gulf Oil Corporation covering the blocks of land described in said leases, which for convenience are referred to as Blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4."

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve execution of four leases in favor of Gulf Oil Corporation according to the provisions of Contract No. 344. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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#### SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the following report submitted by the Special Case Committee and adopt recommendations made as the action of the Trustees:

January 23, 1946.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund  
C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing



Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbered from 383 to 423, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 383 to 423, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO  
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General

M/h/v  
encls.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
January 29, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
 J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
 Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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The Trustees went into joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and the State Board of Education for the purpose of discussing proposed lease in favor of Florida Ramie Products, Inc.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, presented proposed lease of State land described as:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 37  
 East—(School Land) and

Sections 20 and 21, Township 43 South, Range 37  
 East—(I. I. Fund land)

All in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Upon discussion of the terms and conditions, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the lease be amended to include a clause providing that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions agrees to furnish Florida Ramie Products, Inc. with sufficient ramie roots, without charge, for planting sixty (60) acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. English, for the State Board of Education, suggested that the Trustees request the next legislature to pass an act providing that proceeds from the ramie operations covered by the proposed lease be turned over to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

The suggestion was approved, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees request the next legislature to provide for transfer to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions of all funds received from ramie operations under the proposed lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, on behalf of the Trustees that the proposed lease between the three boards and the Florida Ramie Products, Inc., as amended, be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Joint session adjourned.

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Mr. R. R. Saunders, representing Inlet Beach Inc., applied to purchase an area in New River Sound, described as

That part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of New River Sound lying West of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Government Lot 6, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Mr. Saunders explained that there had been considerable litigation in connection with Government Lot 6 and read the Supreme Court opinion on the subject. Also read opinion from the Attorney General, displayed maps showing the area and reviewed the history of Lot 6 and the claims and counter claims as to the existence of said lot.

Mr. J. A. Fitzsimmons, representing clients, also made application to purchase the same land applied for by Mr. Saunders taking the position that Government Lot 6 had been eroded some years ago and that Inlet Beach, Inc., was not the adjoining owner to State land. He displayed maps showing the same area and stated that they were conclusive evidence that there was not now any land where Government Lot 6 had formerly been located and asked that the land be sold to his clients so as to reestablish his clients' property as ocean front, which was its former character, the work of the Port Authority having washed away their land.

Upon inquiry as to what offer was being made to the Trustees for the land, Mr. Saunders made an offer of \$150.00 an acre, Governor Caldwell stated that the price was considerably lower than other recent sales of similar land. Mr. Saunders replied that his clients would bid in line with the price the Trustees had been selling other land but they wanted an opportunity to buy this property as adjacent owners.

Mr. J. W. Hamm, client of Mr. Saunders, asked that the Trustees advertise the land for bids and allow his company to make a bid which would be acceptable to the Trustees.

The subject was further discussed and a price of \$1000.00 an acre was suggested for advertising the tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees advertise the land on an offer of \$1000.00 an acre from Mr. Saunders. There being no second, the motion was lost and no action taken on the applications.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that appraisal be made of land covered by the following applications:

W. A. Bishop—Offer of \$30.00 an acre for NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, containing 40 acres in Manatee County;

A. P. Krueger—Applies for two small islands in Indian River, Martin County, located near St. Lucie Inlet and Sewell Point, Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$40.00 an acre from J. E. Frierson of Moore Haven, Florida, for purchase of

26.17 acres in Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Thos. H. Horobin to purchase submerged land described as,

63 acres in Township 52 South, Range 42 East, in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, located North of Indian Creek Golf Club and West of Surfside and Graham-Fisher Village.

Map was displayed showing an island composed of Government lots described as:



Government Lots 1 and 2 and Fractional SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27;

Government Lots 1 and 2, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34;

Government Lot 2, Section 35, and

Government Lot 4 of Section 26,

All in Township 52 South, Range 42 East.

Mr. Horobin explained that the submerged areas applied for were located around the edge of the island, and his application also called for the taking of material from bottoms adjacent thereto for filling entire area described; that a channel not less than 150 feet wide would be cut between the property applied for and the village of Surfside, and another channel not less than 150 feet wide to be provided between the island and the Graham-Fisher tract. There was also indicated on the plat an area from which to take fill material, designated as follows:

Extending in a westerly direction, in projection of the South boundary of the tract to be conveyed, 2620 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction parallel with the Intracoastal Waterway, 5460 feet, more or less;

Thence South 59° 30' East, 3030 feet;

Thence South 15° East, 3090 feet, more or less, to the South boundary of Section 26, said Township and Range;

Thence following in a southerly direction the Easterly boundary of the tract to be conveyed for a width of 150 feet to the Southeast corner of said tract to be conveyed;

Thence westerly following the channel to the point of beginning, less that part to be bulkheaded and filled.

Mr. Horobin offered \$1000.00 an acre for the 63 acres of submerged land in Township 52 South, Range 42 East, which also includes permit to take fill material with which to fill the entire area, including the Government Lots where fill is necessary.

Mr. Horobin agreed that the Trustees make a part of the deed the condition that the 150 foot strip for channel purposes would never be filled.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees agree to sell the submerged areas applied for by Mr. Horobin at the price offered, subject to advertisement for objections, sale to include permission to remove fill material from the area designated. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from L. P. Austin of Clewiston, Florida, offering \$4.00 an acre for the following described land:

Sections 8, 9 and 10, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;

Sections 19, 20, 28, 30, 31 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;

Sections 4, 6, 7 and 8, Township 46 South, Range 34 East,

All in Hendry County, Florida.

Report having been received from the Land Appraiser with higher valuation placed on the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than \$6.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$20.00 an acre was submitted from W. C. Prewitt of Clewiston, Florida, for an area of lake bottom land described as:

1.9 acres between original meander line and boundary of the United States Levee right of way, adjacent to upland property of client in Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer submitted and agree to accept \$100.00 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from D. C. Haddock of Hilliard, Florida, offering \$8.00 an acre for

Lot 8, Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, containing 5.20 acres in Nassau County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Haddock. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from South Lake Worth Inlet District for spoil deposit areas in Lake Worth, comprising two tracts 300 feet wide North and South by 1000 feet long lying East of and adjacent to right of way of Intracoastal Waterway. The tracts comprise a total of 13.77 acres and lie north and south of and contiguous to property line of the submerged land owned by applicant in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the District to make use of the spoil areas described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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In pursuance of request from the City of Moore Haven, Florida, November 6, 1945, and subsequent correspondence, that the Trustees furnish the City with non-use commitment in reference to certain reservations appearing in Deed No. 17403-A dated June 4, 1926 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Moore Haven, the question was referred at a previous meeting to the Engineer of the Trustees who reported as follows:

That covering the following described parcel:  
 "Commence at the meander corner on the east boundary of Section 12 of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, as surveyed by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in 1918;

Thence South 72° 0' East 130 feet to an intersection with North line of Avenue I in the Town of Moore Haven;

Thence North 89° 30' East 410.9 feet;

Thence North 5° 11' East 526.9 feet;

Thence North 60° 03' West 288.6 feet to point of beginning;

Thence South 89° 14' West 652.5 feet;

Thence South 0° 51' East 200.0 feet;

Thence North 89° 14' East 652.5 feet;

Thence North 0° 51' West 200.0 feet to point of beginning first above described.

The said area is part of an area embraced in Deed No. 17403-A dated June 4, 1926, from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Moore Haven, in Glades County, Florida." Application for non-use of reservations Oil and Minerals and Right of Way Drainage Works is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. That use of said property shall be exclusively in the public interest and exclusively for public purposes and for so long only as used therefor.
2. Till and unless the surface owner drills for oil or mines for other minerals, or permits the same.
3. That non-use reservations shall be limited to the described premises.
4. That the proposed improvements shall be completed and in operation by one (1) year from this date.

(See amended  
Minutes  
March 5th)

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the report of the Engineer be adopted as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Duval Engineering and Contracting Company of Jacksonville, Florida, applying for renewal of one year on Shell Lease No. 426 which expired December 31st, 1945. Information was furnished that no shell had been removed from State land and one-half cent ( $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ ) per cubic yard for shell removed over and across State property was all that had been received under the lease, which was in accordance with the terms thereof.



Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Duval Engineering and Contracting Company be advised that renewal would be granted for one year upon payment of seven cents (7¢) per cubic yard for any or all shell removed over or across State property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that funds received from sale of Levy County land, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, were ready for distribution.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to make the proper distribution of the funds. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Mrs. D. S. Weeks that the Trustees cancel Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates No. 309 of 1921 and No. 198 of 1922, Glades County, which came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District in 1931.

Mr. Elliot explained that the certificates involved the following described land:

$N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;

$NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 33 East,

Containing 204.5 acres in Glades County,

which land was also covered by Mortgage No. 16770 dated in 1926 from J. H. Whidden. The mortgage was delinquent for many years and in September 1943 the Trustees agreed to execute satisfaction of mortgage in favor of Mrs. D. S. Weeks upon payment of \$1020.25. The price paid was a fair value for the land and it was recommended that the certificates be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of the certificates described covering the land purchased by Mrs. Weeks. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$300.00 was submitted from A. F. McDavid for purchase of land title to which vested in the Trustees through Everglades tax certificate, described as:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Gov't Lot 7 (Less SAL R/W and less part to Pompano Horse Club), and

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Gov't Lot 7 (less SAL R/W)

Section 3, Township 49 South, Range 42 East,  
Containing 27.8 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer made and agree to accept \$500.00 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that in 1932 the Trustees gave permission to Bond Trustees of Road and Bridge District No. 1, Alachua County, to use certain State land on Lake Santa Fe for public purposes and for the public convenience; that the said district had notified the board that the land was no longer being used for the purpose intended and asked that some action be taken.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1932 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund adopted a certain resolution authorizing the Bond Trustees of Road and Bridge District No. 1, Alachua County, Florida, to occupy, use and improve, or cause to be occupied, used and improved, for public purposes and for the public convenience, a certain area being a part of Santa Fe Lake, extending in projected line of a public road; and

WHEREAS, said resolution by its terms was to be effective "so long as the premises are used and maintained for the purpose aforesaid, or unless revoked for cause by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund," and

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 11, 1945, from Bond Trustees of Special Road and Bridge District No. 1, Alachua County, said Trustees state that "this property is not being used for the general public at this time in the sense that it was intended to be when this resolution was passed," and request the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to advise them what action they should take; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby rescind the resolution hereinabove referred to, adopted by them October 25, 1932, and that permission be granted the County Commissioners of Alachua County, in so far as the interest of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund may appear, to make such disposition of the buildings on the premises described in the resolution as they deem advisable in the public interest, provided however that no infringement of private rights or of private property shall result from permission hereby granted.

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Offer of \$10.00 per lot was submitted from Robert M. Thomson of Miami, Florida, on behalf of W. Ross Burton, for purchase of the following described land in Dade County:

Lots 1 to 30, Inc., Block 1 and

Lots 1 to 5 and 22 to 26, Incl.,

Lots 28, 29 and 30, Block 2,

Fairhaven Subdivision.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to the lots vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, and that the offer was in line with prices in that locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept \$10.00 per lot for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action on application from Mr. Lewis Hall, on behalf of client, Sam Simonhoff, and requested that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Julius Parker submit a report with recommendations at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Fred Ball, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, furnishing information that Hillsborough County does not object to construction of bridge proposed by St. Petersburg Port Authority across Tampa Bay but "does not want to see anything done that will keep Hillsborough County from its taxing rights."

The letter was ordered filed as information.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller ordered to issue warrants therefor. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Boyd Richards

Miami Florida

To redemption of Brevard County Tax  
Receipt No. 4925 covering land in Sec.  
30-28-38, on which the Trustees I. I.  
Fund hold Mortgage No. 17582 ..... \$ 27.13

J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C.

Palm Beach County

West Palm Beach, Florida

To delinquent Drainage taxes on cer-  
tified land, title to which reverted  
to Trustees I. I. Fund under Chapter  
14717, Acts of 1931 ..... 295.94

J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C.

Palm Beach County

West Palm Beach, Florida

To delinquent Drainage taxes on State  
lands, title to which is vested in the  
Trustees I. I. Fund ..... 4,833.71

Istokpoga Consolidated Sub-Drainage  
District

Lake Placid, Florida

To Istokpoga Consolidated Sub-Drainage  
District taxes on Gov. Lot 1, Sec. 21-  
35-30: Tax 1926 \$5.00  
Tax 1927 4.95  
Tax 1928 4.95 ..... 14.90

Jack L. Meeks, C.C.C.

Levy County

Bronson, Florida

Clerk's cost re: sale of lands in Levy  
County under Chapter 14572 ..... 327.56

Board of County Commissioners of  
Levy County, Florida

Reimbursement of amount paid  
Levy County Journal for legal  
notice re: sale of lands under Ch.  
14572 ..... 47.00



Reimbursement of amount paid The Williston Publishing House for legal notice re: sale of lands under Ch. 14572 .....	47.00	94.00
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J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tallahassee, Florida States equity in sale of lands in Levy County under Chapter 14572 .....		4,059.86
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Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida County's equity in sale of lands in Levy County under Ch. 14572 .....		26,534.38
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Cyril Baldwin Land Appraiser Avon Park, Florida Reimbursement for expenses incurred inspecting State lands:	Nov. 105.00 Dec. 57.00	162.00
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J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida South Florida Conservancy District taxes for years 1940 to 1942, incl. on Lot 13, S/D by State Survey, Sec 13-43-36		236.17
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TOTAL .....		\$36,585.65
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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Request was presented from the United States for Supplemental Agreement providing for release of certain areas in Hillsborough County covered by Lease No. W-09-026-eng-1174, the parcels to be retained being

Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 2—Spitler Park Unit  
No 1, Section 16, Township 30 South, Range  
18 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Supplemental Agreement requested by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, that the Trustees cancel sale of October 18, 1945, as to bid of \$501.00 from P. S. and Eva Herrington involving land described as:

Tract in Northeast corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  measuring 413 feet East and West by 197 feet North and South, in Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, Duval County.

Information was furnished that the City of Jacksonville was represented at the sale and participated in the bidding; that subsequent to the sale the City requested conveyance without payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the highest bidder on October 18, 1945. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the City of Tampa that the Trustees grant easement on certain lots in Temple Crest Unit No. 3 for use in connection with construction of a dam in Hillsborough River and the impounding of the waters.

Mr. Elliot explained that the lots involved in the request of the City of Tampa, described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 41, Temple Crest Unit No. 3—Hillsborough County,

had been bid in at sale of June 18, 1945 by Harold E. Close at a price of \$85.00, but deed had been held up pending the working out of some agreement as between the bidder and the City; that the easement as requested was satisfactory to both parties and was recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the easement requested by the City be executed and that bid of Mr. Close be confirmed and deed ordered issued, date of deed to be subsequent to date of easement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that offer of \$1.00 per lot from the Town of Groveland be declined for 296 lots in Lake County with an assessed value in 1932 of \$20,615.00. Upon vote the

motion was adopted with the suggestion that applicant make a better offer if they desired to acquire the lots since property in that County had been selling rapidly at regular prices.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer of \$50 from City of Palmetto for

Lots 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20, Block 1;

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 21, Block 7;

All Block 6, less Lot 6,

Palmetto Heights, Section 15, Township 34 South,  
Range 17 East, Manatee County,

Chapter 21674, Acts of 1943, having authorized and directed that the Trustees convey the lots for cemetery purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County for conveyance of approximately 75 lots in Burt's and Calhoun's Subdivision to be used for school purposes. No offer was made for the property which had an assessed value in 1932 of \$4,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to convey the lots without consideration, and that a counter proposal be made to accept \$1,000.00 for the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to deny the following applications:

Application from L. L. Collins for release of oil and mineral reservations in 257 lots conveyed by Deed No. 4015—Hillsborough County;

The Ohio Oil Company, by C. W. Krouse—Application for Operating Agreement covering reserved oil interest retained by the Trustees in 3,863.75 acres of land in Hernando and Pasco

Counties with offer of 25 cents an acre.  
Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	1/21/46	18
Broward	12/17/45	49
Calhoun	9/24/45	5
Calhoun	12/3/45	2
Calhoun	1/7/46	2
Clay	1/19/46	1
Dade	1/11/46	16
Duval	8/9/45	1
Franklin	4/9/45	1
Gadsden	7/7/45	1
Hamilton	9/24/45	2
Hendry	12/3/45	1
Hillsborough	1/14/46	50
Indian River	1/14/46	52
Marion	11/5/45	14
Marion	12/3/45	4
Marion	1/7/46	3
Okeechobee	1/21/46	13
Orange	12/3/45	1
Palm Beach	1/4/46	99
Pinellas	5/29/45	1
Pinellas	6/26/45	3
Pinellas	7/17/45	11
Pinellas	9/18/45	7
Pinellas	10/16/45	1
Pinellas	12/18/45	139
Putnam	1/5/46	1
St. Lucie	1/7/46	1
Seminole	1/14/46	27
Sumter	1/7/46	17
Volusia	1/7/46	1
Volusia	1/18/46	52
Washington	12/31/45	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest



filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Jefferson County desired in connection with State Road No. 43.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way and drainage ditch purposes of Road No. 43—Project Section 5409—SRD No. 10. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from County Commissioners of Brevard County for conveyance of

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, containing 40 acres in Brevard County.

The tract was desired for borrow pit purposes and for widening a county road leading to State Road No. 4.

Mr. Elliot recommended that five acres of the parcel described be conveyed to the County with the condition that the State Road Department have access to the borrow pit area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land be conveyed to Brevard County as recommended by the Secretary with the condition for State Road Department use. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County for cancellation of tax certificate which failed to be delivered when the land covered thereby was redeemed and other certificates delivered prior to June 9, 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Certificate No. 1332 of 1926 covering Part of S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, and recommend to the Comptroller that the applicant be allowed to redeem the land as of the date other

certificates were delivered, conditioned that all delinquent taxes and taxes that would have been due if the land had been assessed in his name be paid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$32.50 was submitted from Dade County for purchase of

Lots 1, 2, 8 and 9, Block 1 (Less State Road 4-A) and Lot 7, Block 2 (Less State Road 4-A) Randolph's Add;

East 25 feet of Lot 7, Belle Haven,  
Dade County, Florida,

which offer was one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from Dade County for the lots described and make conveyance under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented that the Trustees convey the following lots to City of Vero Beach:

Lots 17 to 22, Block 48—City Hall Block,

Original Town of Vero Beach, Indian River County.

Information was furnished that the lots are being advertised for sale February 18, 1946, with base bid of \$390.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to cancel the sale and make conveyance to the City of Vero Beach, under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, provided the City will make an offer to the Trustees of \$390.00 and deposit with the Clerk the amount of costs and fees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of St. Cloud, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 20424 of 1941, of

Lots 11 to 15, incl. Block 319—St. Cloud, Osceola County,

which lots were owned by the City prior to title vesting in the State under Chapter 18296. The City offered \$1.00 per lot and furnished certificate showing former ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from City of St. Cloud and authorize conveyance of the lots under Chapter 20424. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request for renewal of grazing lease was presented from Melvin Johnson covering approximately thirty (30) acres of land in Osceola County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that lease be renewed in favor of Mr. Johnson for one year payment of twenty-five cents (25¢) an acre with the understanding that the land may be sold at any time and lease cancelled without refund of any rental paid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Florida Power Corporation for right of way through Pinellas County land, described as

Lots 1 to 40, Incl. Block 116

Lots 1 and 2, Block 117

Lot 1, Block 18,

Official map of Tarpon Springs.

Offer for the right of way was sixty cents (60¢) per rod for right of way sixty feet wide and \$1.00 per rod for one hundred foot wide right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement in favor of Florida Power Corporation for right of way requested upon payment of amounts offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was received from City of Palatka for conveyance of

Lot 7, Block 13, McGregor's S/D—Palatka, Putnam County,

and offer was made to pay one-fourth the 1932 assessed value of the lot plus costs incurred by an individual for whom the land was being advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees convey the lot to the City of Palatka under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of base bid plus costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of January, 1946, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

J. M. Palmer c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida .....	\$40.00
Dr. C. K. Wall c/o W. G. Larkins, C.C.C. Liberty County Bristol, Florida .....	46.20
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$86.20</b>

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The Secretary reported transfer for the month of January 1946 from Murphy Act sales to General Revenue Fund as follows:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer  
For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$76,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

**MILLARD F. CALDWELL.**  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 5, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
 J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
 Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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The Secretary presented for approval Minutes of the Trustees dated December 18, 1945 and January 8, 1946, copies having been furnished to each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the Minutes as submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that land in Gadsden County had been advertised for sale on this date, pursuant to application from H. C. Corry of Quincy, Florida, with offer of \$5.00 an acre, and that the following Notice had been published in the Gadsden County Times January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 28th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 5th, 1946, for lands in GADSDEN COUNTY, described as follows:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 14, Township 2 North,  
 Range 3 West.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon invitation for bids, no other offers were made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of H. C. Corry at a price of \$5.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to application from M. S. Hayes with offer of \$5.00 an acre, the Trustees on December 18, 1945, ordered Hendry County land advertised for bids and the following Notice was published in the Clewiston News on January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 28th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 5th, 1946, for lands in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

Section 1; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11,  
Township 46 South,  
Range 32 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called up for sale and the following parties competed in the bidding:

W. T. Hull,

M. S. Hayes,

A. R. Richardson.

It was announced that bids would be received on the tracts separately and then as a whole.

On Section 1, A. R. Richardson was high bidder at \$9.00 an acre, and for E½ of Section 11, W. T. Hull was high bidder at \$11.50 per acre. No bids received on the tract as a whole.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed to the highest bidder on each tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees December 12, 1945, on offer of \$300.00 an acre from Raymond Ellars on behalf of Dr. F. D. Middlebrook, the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 28th, 1945

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 5th, 1946, for lands in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

1.77 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway adjacent to upland property owned by the Waterwitch Club, Inc.

(Proper description to be furnished with deed)

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be confirmed in favor of Dr. F. D. Middlebrook at a price of \$300.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees deferred action on the following applications pending receipt of appraisals:

Edgar G. Hamilton—Offer of \$5.00 an acre for All of Section 30, except NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Township 47 South, Range 41 East—Palm Beach County;

W. C. Gibbons—Offer of \$350.00 cash for the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, Polk County, containing 30.16 acres.

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Application was presented from Mrs. R. W. Johnston to purchase

Tract 8, Tier 10, Newman's Survey

Township 50 South, Range 41 East,

Broward County,

for which she offered \$40.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for bids based on offer from Mrs. Johnston. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from National Audubon Society for leases covering two certain areas to be used and protected as wildlife refuges, said areas being designated as:

1. A low island known as Whiskey Stump and the waters surrounding the same for a dis-



tance from shore of 300 feet located in Tampa Bay, near its Easterly shore at the mouth of Little Manatee River, in unsurveyed Section 3, Township 31 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County;

2. The islands, title to which is in the State, and the sand bars, mud flats, shallow banks and submerged bottoms lying seaward from the main shore for a distance of three miles between a line extended west in prolongation of the South boundary of Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, in Township 56 South, Range 31 East, Monroe County, which said line is a part of the North boundary of an area conveyed to the United States under control of the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, and a line extending South 45° West of the mouth of Turner's River in Township 53 South, Range 30 East, Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize leases in favor of National Audubon Society, for a period of five years, covering the two areas described, the leases to contain provision for extensions at the option of both parties, requiring use of the premises for no purpose other than protection of wildlife, at no expense to the Trustees; that the Trustees will make no other disposition of the areas without consent of the Society; that the lease may be terminated by Trustees, for cause, after sixty days notice; buildings and improvements may be removed by the Society; leases to be subject to oil exploration contract and option to lease and shall not interfere with legitimate fishing by the public or use of the waters for navigation. Upon vote the motion was adopted and leases ordered executed.

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Application was presented from Mr. J. V. Keen, on behalf of clients Russell Currin and W. Guy Shepard, trading and doing business under the firm name of Logan and Currin, and Harry L. Stanly, that the Trustees release oil and mineral reservations in deed issued by the Trustees in 1932 to Lillian M. Morse.

Mr. Elliot explained that the land in Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County,

came to the State under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and that deed to Lillian M. Morse contained the usual reservations; that Mr. Keen's clients now own the property and offer \$5.00 each for release.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees release the reservations as requested by Mr. Keen. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941, a special account for the Trustees had been set up, designated as

"PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941;"

that the provisions of the Act had been complied with—the bonus of \$50,000.00 having been paid to Humble Oil and Refining Company—and there was a balance of \$61,159.89 remaining in the account. Mr. Elliot recommended that the balance be transferred to the regular account of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo; seconded by Mr. Larson, that the amount remaining in the account under Chapter 20667 be transferred to the regular Trustees' fund and the special account closed out. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary reported that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had a balance on hand as of January 31, 1946, in excess of \$500,000.00 and his suggestion was that \$200,000.00 be paid into the State Building Fund, distributed \$100,000.00 to Classification "A" subjects under General Revenue, and \$100,000.00 to Classification "C," subjects under Department of Agriculture. It was also suggested that the Budget Commission be requested to take appropriate action approving the same.

At the suggestion of the Governor, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that \$200,000.00 be transferred to the Building Fund without designation as to distribution. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted that the following bill be approved and the Comptroller ordered to issue warrant in payment therefor:

A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee ..... \$1,929.98

Financial Statements for the month of January are as follows:

# UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1946 ..... \$529,572.27

## Receipts for the Month

Land Sales ..... \$18,456.60

Land Sales—Chapter 14572—

Hillsborough Co. .... 54.39

Levy Co. .... 34,462.00 34,516.39

Land Sales—Chap. 14717—

Palm Beach Co. .... 100.00

Martin Co. .... 1,112.16 1,212.16

Land Lease ..... 7.50

Farm Lease ..... 105.00

Shell Leases ..... 955.56

Mineral Leases ..... 56.25

Certified Copy & Printed Vo. of  
Minutes ..... 12.50

Tax on No. 18581 ..... 627.88

Tax on No. 18582-A ..... 498.00 1,125.88

Interest on Contract No. 18610 12.34

Interest on Contract No. 19021 6.65 18.99

Quit Claim Deed ..... 3.75

Refund—Everglades Drainage Dist.

Taxes—Broward Co. .... 111.10

Campsite ..... 37.50

Restoration of Funds—Chap. 22006,

Acts of 1943, Warrant No. 225388,

Dated May 1, 1945—Stale Date 25.00

Total Receipts for the month of

January, 1946 ..... \$56,644.18 56,644.18

Total ..... \$586,216.45

Less Disbursements for month of  
January, 1946 ..... 2,709.49

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1946 ..... \$583,506.96

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
1-23-46	160577	F. C. Elliot .....	\$ 41.26
	160578	Cecil T. Farrington AAG .....	39.38
	160579	Lamar Warren AAG .....	148.88
1-31-46	168093	F. C. Elliot .....	307.75
	168094	M. O. Barco .....	145.50
	168095	Jentye Dedge .....	204.40
	168096	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	168097	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	168098	Cyril Baldwin .....	190.95
	168099	A. C. Bridges .....	259.65
	168100	Julius F. Parker .....	433.40
	168101	Caroline S. Silver .....	169.00
	172547	Southeastern Telephone Co. ....	7.35
	172548	H & W B Drew Co .....	15.85
	172549	J F Cochran, Postmaster .....	15.00
	172550	Mickler & Mickler .....	62.08
	172551	Frank Friend .....	139.90
	172552	George G. Crawford, CCC .....	27.40
	172553	J. Edwin Larson, S.T. ....	49.39
		5% Retirement Fund .....	62.25
		Withholding Tax .....	323.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....			\$2,709.49

## UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of January 1, 1946 ..... \$46,159.89

## Receipts for the Month

Oil Leases ..... \$15,000.00  
Total Receipts for the month ..... 15,000.00

Total ..... \$61,159.89

Disbursements for the month ..... —0—

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1946 ..... \$61,159.89



## UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of January 1, 1946 .....	\$ 96,213.28
Receipts for the month .....	49,444.19
Total .....	<u>\$145,657.47</u>
Less Disbursements for the month .....	77,470.11
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1946 .....	<u>\$ 68,187.36</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
1-23-46	160300	J. M. Palmer .....	\$ 40.00
	160301	Dr. C. K. Wall .....	46.20
	160302	J. Edwin Larson, S.T. Transfer to G.R. ....	76,000.00
	160303	The Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	2.75
	160304	The Geo. D. Barnard Co. ....	39.90
	160305	Burroughs Adding Machine Co. ....	13.60
	160306	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	10.16
	160307	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
1-31-46	167853	Ernest Hewitt .....	261.20
	167854	Helen Phillips .....	176.90
	167855	Mary Evans Voss .....	153.50
	167856	J. R. Roberts .....	174.40
	167857	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	167858	Jentye Dedge .....	28.00
	167859	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	167860	Mildred F. Scott .....	144.15
	167861	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	123.60
		5% Retirement Fund .....	22.20
		Withholding Tax .....	112.30
TOTAL .....			<u>\$77,470.11</u>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Citrus	12/15/45	2
Duval	10/18/45	2
Hillsborough	1/14/46	1
Holmes	1/14/46	1
Palm Beach	1/4/46	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Lot 7, Block D of Greenwood, Jackson County, in connection with State Road No. 523—Project Sec. 5317-101-SRD No. 9.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the tract in Jackson County applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from City of North Miami Beach for conveyance of

Lots 15 to 28, inclusive, Block 4, Fulfordale, Section 7, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Offer of \$35.00 was submitted for the lots, which equals one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees convey the lots applied for under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, in favor of North Miami Beach at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented the following report from the Special Case Committee recommending approval of action taken on cases Numbered 424, 425 and 426:

February 5, 1946

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund

## CAPITOL

Re: Report on Murphy sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbered from 424 to 426, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 424 to 426, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO

Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON

Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON

Attorney General

M/h/v

Encls.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the action of the Special Case Committee and adopt the report submitted. Upon vote the motion was carried.

At the meeting of the Trustees January 29th, Mr. Elliot, Secretary, and Mr. Parker, Special Attorney, were requested to make recommendation and report to the board in connection with application from J. Lewis Hall, on behalf of clients of Simonhoff and Simonhoff of Miami, Florida.

Information was furnished that clients of Simonhoff & Simonhoff submitted bids at joint sale held October 11, 1944—listed on Report No. 150 for the following described land in Dade County:

Applicant	Description of Land	Bid
H. G. Simpson & J. M. Gusky	All Section 1, Township 59 South, Range 39 East, con- taining 640.84 acres, more or less .....	\$96.10
Irons Land & Devel- opment Co., a Fla. Corp., Ivar Axelson & Co., a Fla. Corp., Frank S. Roberts, S. P. Warren, J. M. Gusky, D. Levine & L. Brown	All of fractional, Sec. 12, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 39 E., con- taining 602.81 acres, more or less .....	90.40
Largo Southern Fla. Corporation, a Fla. Corp.	All in Sec. 9, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 39 E., containing 640 acres, more or less .....	96.00
	All Less R/W in Sec. 5, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 39 E., con- taining 640.24 acres more or less .....	96.05
Largo Mainland De- velopment Co., a Fla. Corporation	All, Sec. 15, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 39 E., containing 640 acres more or less .....	96.00
	All, Sec. 3, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 39 E., containing 642.88 acres. more or less .....	96.45
The Canal Lands Co. a Fla. Corporation	All, Sec. 11, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 38 E., containing 640 acres more or less .....	96.00
	All, Sec. 18, Twp. 59 S., Rge. 38 E., containing 647.08 acres more or less .....	96.00



Columbus Realty	All, Sec. 11, Twp. 59 S.,	
Co., a Fla. Corpora-	Rge. 39 E., containing 640	
tion	acres more or less .....	96.00

Joint written report was submitted by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Parker, making recommendations substantially as follows:

"That certain Murphy Act lands in Dade County were applied for by Simonhoff & Simonhoff, on behalf of clients, and were advertised for joint sale by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Everglades Drainage District; that upon bids being received and reported the Trustees declined to accept offers made owing to an oil lease having been issued on the land in the meantime; that Everglades Drainage District accepted bids and executed and delivered deeds.

"Clients of Mr. Hall and the Simonhoff's have applied to the Trustees for consummation of the sale held October 11, 1944, and have agreed to the following conditions:

"1. That the party of the first part (Trustees) hereby recognizes the ownership of the hereinabove described property by parties of the second part save and except the reservation of oil and mineral rights contained in the deed heretofore given by party of the first part to parties of the second part.

"2. Parties of the second part hereby accept, ratify and confirm the lease of the party of the first part to Superior Oil Company.

"3. That parties of the second part hereby sell, transfer and convey all of their rights, title and interest in and to said lease to party of the first part, hereby assigning to said party all rental proceeds derived from said lease, provided, however, that in the event that oil should be produced upon said lands while said lease is in force and effect that then in such an event party of the first part will pay unto parties of the second part one-half of all royalties received from such production of oil.

"4. Party of the first part hereby contracts and agrees that in the event oil is produced upon the property hereinabove described while said lease is in force and effect, that then and in such an event party of the first part will pay unto parties of the second part one-half of all royalties received by party of the first part under the terms of said lease.

"5. That upon termination of said lease or expiration thereof, all rights, title and interest of party of the first part in said lease and in and to oil rights in said lands shall cease and terminate save and except the reservation contained in the deed from party of the first part to parties of the second part.

"6. It is further understood and agreed that party of the first part shall collect the rentals and enforce all provisions and terms of said lease, and shall have full authority in the enforcement thereof as long as said lease will remain in force and effect, as if the complete title to the surface were held by said party, and that parties of the second part have no interest in or authority over said lease save and except to receive from party of the first part the portionate part of the royalties of oil produced from said lands and as hereinabove set forth."

Mr. Elliot and Mr. Parker recommended that the Trustees agree to deed the land described, and for which Everglades Drainage District executed deeds, and enter into an agreement embodying the foregoing conditions.

In addition to the report, Mr. Elliot brought out that other oil leases have been made on Murphy Act land and that the action in the instant case would establish a precedent which could be followed in other like cases under similar circumstances.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees accept the written report of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Parker and adopt their recommendations as the action of the board. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote carried.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 20, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 5.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee .....	2.10
H. J. Youngblood, Sheriff, Nassau County .....	2.85
Cyril Baldwin, Land Appraiser, Avon Park .....	72.00
Lamar Warren, Ass't. Atty. Gen. ....	72.84
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Caroline S. Silver, Secretary .....	55.53
Geraldine Davis, Secretary .....	111.06
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	14.13
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,299.88</b>

## SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	\$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk .....	130.00
The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee .....	4.24
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville .....	8.25
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,279.99</b>

Mr. Elliot reported transfer for the month of February of the following amount to General Revenue Fund from receipts under Chapter 18296:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,  
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
February 26, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.



## Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. E. B. Casler, Jr. of Clearwater, Florida, requested that the Trustees issue correction deed in favor of client William P. Hayes. It was explained that through error The Contract & Investment Company conveyed the land in question to the Trustees—said company not having any title thereto—and it is now desired that the Trustees quitclaim the land erroneously deeded to the legal title holder. Mr. Wells explained that the subject had been taken up with the Attorney General and his recommendation was that a deed be issued to clear up the situation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees authorize correction deed in favor of William P. Hayes for conveying the land in Section 15, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, erroneously conveyed to the Trustees by The Contract and Investment Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from Douglas Silver, on behalf of Indian River Broadcasting Company, for an easement or lease covering an area of submerged land in Indian River, St. Lucie County, off the Fort Pierce water front, described as:

Beginning at a point where the seawall forming the western shore line of the Indian River intersects an extension of the north line of Block 7 of Riverside Addition to Fort Pierce, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 51, St. Lucie County, the area to be used for construction, maintenance and operation of a radio tower and appurtenances.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize ten-year (10) lease

on the area described upon payment of annual rental of \$100.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$15.00 an acre was presented from Edward O. Denison of Fort Pierce, Florida, for land described as:

The North 440 feet of Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 30, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, containing 26½ acres in St. Lucie County.

Information was furnished that the land is of the character of pickle feed marsh and mangrove swamp, located on the Indian River, and backs up to ocean front property of applicant.

The land having been appraised at \$25.00 an acre, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$15.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for bids and objections provided applicant agrees to offer \$25.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. J. Kenneth Ballinger and Mr. A. R. Richardson came before the Trustees with application for sand lease in the Ochlockonee River from Georgia-Florida state line to a point where the river intersects the north boundary of Township 1 North, Range 2 West, said lease to be exclusive for a period of five (5) years with expiration date of March 1, 1951.

Upon discussion of the consideration for such lease, Mr. Richardson stated that they would pay ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for an exclusive lease, paying in advance \$300.00 annually and depositing \$1,000.00 bond guaranteeing performance.

Governor Caldwell expressed the view that the area involved was rather large for tying up in an exclusive lease.

Mr. Watson remarked that he would be willing to give a lease on the area and if the company did well he would not be inclined to give any others in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that Mr. Richardson be given conditional lease at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard; lease to be non-exclusive for a term of five (5) years, and if lessee makes a good showing as such under the lease, renewal thereof would

be favored. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from Julius F. Parker on behalf of George S. Dales offering \$10.00 an acre for Tracts 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110, Sections 23, 27 and 35, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, containing approximately 264.45 acres in Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bidding based on offer of \$10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Charles E. Fisher of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Trustees release the canal and state road right of way reservations in Deed No. 16341 dated January 6, 1912, issued to Thomas C. Hammond, conveying

Lots 1 and 2, Section 25, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 21.95 acres in Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$500.00 was submitted from B. F. Hughes of Fort Myers, Florida, for purchase of

Lot 15 on Porpoise Island, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$500.00 and make counter proposal to advertise the lot for competitive bids provided Mr. Hughes would agree to bid not less than \$600.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Richard R. Roberts of Islamorada, Florida, for five-year lease of two small islands in Florida Bay comprising approximately one

acre, for which he offered \$50.00 annually. Lease was desired for experimenting with the shrimp industry. Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that matter be referred to the Conservation Department for report and recommendation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Mr. Robert M. Skillman of Miami, Florida, for purchase of

Sovereignty land lying within the area of Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, containing approximately 1 acre.

Information was furnished that the land applied for is bordered on the east and west by land of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, provided Mr. Skillman will agree to bid not less than \$400.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$2.00 an acre was submitted from R. M. Zimmerman of Miami, Florida, for lease on an area of submerged land southeast of Garden Cove on Key Largo for the purpose of studying marine life.

Without objection this application was referred to the Conservation Department for report.

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Mr. John M. Boring, representing a number of residents of Little Pine Island fill, presented their application for purchase of the parcels upon which their homes are built. The area in question begins at the west line of Government Lot 1 and follows the highway to the west line of Section 22, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the applicants have the County Engineer prepare a plat of the entire area, indicating parcels occupied by present residents, the size of each lot, and that the remainder of the tract be divided into fifty-foot (50') lots; that the present occupants be protected to the extent of allowing purchase of a parcel



not in excess of fifty feet (50') on a basis of one dollar (\$1.00) per front foot, and any additional purchase to be at the current price for land. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Request was presented from S. J. Stubbs Lumber Company for eighteen (18) months' extension on Leases No. 321 and 322 dated June 5, 1943, for removal of timber required. It was explained that the leases call for removal of four million feet of timber and payment therefor on the basis of \$20.00 per thousand feet within two and one-half years from date of lease. Lessee has been unable to employ the necessary crew with which to remove the timber and desires an extension in time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of twelve (12) months on each of the two leases. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to authorize lease in favor of Southern States Oil and Land Company for the purpose of searching for and removing precious metals and stones from submerged areas in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay Counties for which he offered \$100.00 annually plus twelve and one-half percent royalty. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of clients:

W. C. White offers \$575.00 for 5.75 acres of submerged land directly in front of his property located in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and

Stewart E. Cloete offers \$335.00 for 3.35 acres of submerged land directly in front of his property located in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Report from Mr. Wells was that the two parcels had been examined by the Field Agent and the offers made were in excess of the value placed by him.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the two parcels for objections only, based on offers submitted by clients of Mr. Fuller. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Bussey, Mann & Simmons of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of Victor Chemical Works, offering \$50.00 an acre for

11.6 acres of submerged land in Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

The offer being less than the appraisal placed on the property, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to accept \$50.00 an acre and make a counter proposal to advertise the land for objections only, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$60.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that refund check in amount of \$111.04 be drawn in favor of Miss Pearl Pearce covering overpayment on Lease No. 18447 in the name of Pearl and Edna Pearce expiring January 26, 1946. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 5, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the minutes dated December 18th, 1945, January 8th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and February 20th, 1946. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$250.00 was presented from L. M. Levison of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of

Lot 17, Block "A," Granada—Sarasota County.

Information was given that title to this lot vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$250.00 and agree to advertise the lot for competitive bidding provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$300.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from J. Douglas Arnest of Sarasota, Florida, that the Trustees release the reservations contained in Sarasota County Deed No. 58-46 issued to Theodore B. Schwer April 30, 1943, conveying

Lots 3, 5 and 7, Block A—Harvey S/D

Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East.

Title to the lots vested in the Trustees by virtue of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations in Deed No. 58-46 upon payment of \$5.00 per lot. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$525.40 was submitted from George R. McKean, on behalf of J. B. Owens and Neta Owens, his wife, for purchase of the following described land, title to which came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, containing 10 acres in Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. McKean. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$900.00 was presented from John F. Seawall for the purchase of

Lots 9 and 11, Block C—DeSoto Park, Section 31, Township 36 South, Range 18 East,

Sarasota County,

title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at competitive bidding based on offer of \$900.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented letter from J. M. Couse, City Attorney for the Town of Moore Haven, Florida, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken January 29th, re: Non-use commitment by Trustees of certain reservations in land to be used for electric generating plant, and extend the time limit from one to two years, and also that the commitment clearly show that the operation will be considered by the Trustees to be an exclusive public interest and for exclusive public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind action taken January 29th as to time limit and allow two years for completion of proposed improvements, but that no other change be made in action taken. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 22nd, based on application from Dennis Small, land in Hendry County was ordered advertised for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in the Hendry County News on February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and March 1st, 1946:



## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 5th, 1946, for lands in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

Sections 8, 9, 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 7, and

Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 33 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

It was agreed that bids would be received on each section separately and also as one tract totalling approximately 2,880 acres made up of all sections advertised. Bids were offered by Dennis Small, J. C. Jackman and E. C. Mills, on separate sections, resulting in the highest bids being made by Mr. Mills as follows:

Section 8 .....	\$ 8.25 an acre
Section 9 .....	7.25 an acre
Section 10 .....	6.00 an acre
E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 17 .....	10.25 an acre
Section 21 .....	7.25 an acre

The combined sections together with a school section were then put up for bids as one tract and the highest bid—\$34,500.00—was made by E. C. Mills.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the bid of \$34,500.00 made by E. C. Mills be accepted for sections advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. G. L. Reeves, representing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, made application to the Trustees for right of way 200 feet wide through State land in Sections 6 and 8 of Township 45 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. It was explained that a new sugar mill is to be constructed by South Okeelanta Growers and Processors and the railroad company has been asked to build a track to serve the plant. Location of the land was given as four miles west of Lake Harbor and east of Bare Beach.

Discussion was had on the application—the price to be paid for the land; the effect of an old *lis pendens* and whether an easement would be satisfactory.

Mr. Reeves asked that the Trustees pass the necessary motion that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether the land could be granted to the railroad company, and if not then application for lease would be considered.

At the suggestion of Governor Caldwell, the Trustees referred to the Special Attorney the question of conveying its land, and to the Attorney General the question of conveying school land, and that Mr. Mayo and Mr. Elliot bring the matter up as soon as opinions can be furnished. It was so ordered.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees on application from J. W. Nowlin, on behalf of Austin Sylvester, offering \$300.00 for a parcel of land in Palm Beach County, containing 0.57 of an acre, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 18th, 25th, February 1st, 8th and 15th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 11th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. February 19th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

All land in the South 100 feet of Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, lying between the Government meander of the East line of Boco

Ratones Lagoon and the easterly right-of-way line of the Florida Intracoastal Waterways.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum of the Trustees not being available on date sale was advertised—February 19th—confirmation was deferred until this meeting.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo to confirm sale of the land to Mr. Sylvester at a price of \$300.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Upon application from Robert M. Thomson of Miami, Florida, the Trustees ordered Dade County land advertised for bids to be leased for oil purposes and the following notices were published in The Miami Review on January 18th, 25th, February 1st, 8th and 15th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the Philadelphia-Florida Corporation will offer for sale and will receive competitive sealed bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office of said Board in the Capitol Building on or before February 19th, 1946, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., for an oil and gas lease, covering the following described lands in DADE COUNTY, Florida, to-wit:

#### TOWNSHIP 52 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST

Sections 22, 23 and 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28;

Tracts 33 to 64 inclusive of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25;

Tracts 71 to 80 inclusive, 83, 84, 86 to 90, inclusive, 93, 94, 97 to 104 inclusive, 109, 110, 113 to 128 inclusive of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 26;

Tracts 65 to 75 inclusive, 76 to 115 inclusive and 116 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 27;

Tracts 65 to 86 inclusive, 87 to 126 inclusive, 127 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28;

Tracts 65 to 128 inclusive of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 29;

Tracts 65 to 128 inclusive of the Subdivision of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 30;

Tracts 1 to 65 inclusive, 67 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of Section 31;

Tracts 1 to 77 inclusive, 84 to 92 inclusive, 95 to 102 inclusive, 104 to 106 inclusive, 109, 111 to 114 inclusive, 116, 119 to 124 inclusive and 126 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of Section 32;

Tracts 1 to 64 inclusive, 69 to 72 inclusive, 75 to 83 inclusive, 88 to 94 inclusive and 97 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of Section 33;

Tracts 1 to 72 inclusive, 76 and 77, 80 to 82 inclusive, 85 to 89 inclusive, 93 and 94, 97 to 104 inclusive, 106 to 117 inclusive and 121 to 128 inclusive, of the Subdivision of Section 34;

Tracts 1 to 32 inclusive, 34 and 35, 38 to 47 inclusive, 51 and 52, 56, 59, 61 and 62 of the Subdivision of Section 35;

Tracts 1 to 38 inclusive, 40 to 47 inclusive and 49 to 62 inclusive, of the Subdivision of Section 36;

#### TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST

Tracts 7 to 10 inclusive and 23 to 26 inclusive of the Subdivision of Section 3;



Tracts 1 to 32 inclusive of the Subdivision of Section 5.

Total acreage 8830 acres, more or less.

Said Board has determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of  $\frac{1}{8}$  in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Board in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 22,824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945.

Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 12th day of January, 1946.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 15th, 1946

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S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, Sections 19, 20 and 21, all in Township

52 South, Range 37 East, containing 3240 acres, more or less.

Said Board has determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of  $\frac{1}{8}$  in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Board in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

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BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this 15th day of January, 1946.

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Sections 22 to 36, both inclusive,

Township 52 South, Range 37 East, comprising 9600 acres, more or less.

Said Board has determined that the lease shall require royalty payments of  $\frac{1}{8}$  in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% for such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor. All bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for the amount of such cash consideration. Copies of the lease to be offered for sale are available to the general public at the office of said Board in the Capitol Building at Tallahassee, Florida.

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No quorum was present on date advertised for bids—February 19th, and disposition was postponed until this date.

Upon the land being called out for bids, no offers were received to lease the land, whereupon no sale was made.

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On January 22nd, 1946, the Trustees authorized advertised for objections Palm Beach County land applied for by Ray M. Browne who agreed to pay \$91.50, and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and March 1st, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 5th, 1946,

for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Start at the S. E. corner of Sec. 25, T. 43 S., R. 36 E., thence W. along section line a distance of 1641.6 ft. more or less to the intersection of section line and the N. R/W line of the Hillsboro Canal, thence N. 62-25' W. along said R/W a distance of 985.28 ft. more or less to the intersection of the R/W line and the Meander line, to the point of beginning, thence N. 62-25' W. along R/W line a distance of 291.08 ft. to a point, thence N. 27-35' E., a distance of 152.41 ft. more or less to the S. R/W line of State Road No. 172, thence S. 41-25' E. along State Road R/W a distance of 288.98 ft. more or less, to the intersection of the S. R/W line of State Rd. No. 172 with the Meander Line, thence S. 4-12' W. along Meander line a distance of 53.06 ft. more or less to the point of beginning, being a parcel of sovereignty land in Sec. 25, T. 43S., R. 36E., containing 0.61 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and no objections were presented, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Brown at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 22nd, Palm Beach County land was ordered advertised for objections only based on application from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, with offer



of \$1000.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and March 1st, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 26th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., March 5th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A parcel of land in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of a certain tract of land conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to Island Developers, Incorporated, by Trustees Deed No. 17116, dated June 6, 1923, thence South  $0^{\circ} 42'$  East along the southerly extension of the west line of said tract so conveyed, a distance of 160.87 ft; thence South  $89^{\circ} 47'$  East a distance of 400 feet; thence North  $0^{\circ} 42'$  West, a distance of 162.38 feet to a point in the south line of the above referred to tract; thence west along the south line of said tract, a distance of 400 feet to the point of beginning, the said parcel herein described containing 1.49 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and no objections were presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that sale of the land described be confirmed to Bessemer Properties at a price of \$1000.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from R. M. Zimmerman of Miami, Florida, for lease of a submerged area south-east of Garden Cove on Key Largo, Monroe County, desired for the purpose of studying marine life and in connection with which he desires to have an undersea observation post. An amount of \$2.00 an acre annually was offered for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to authorize a five-year lease upon payment of \$2.00 an acre annually, conditioned that the area be used for experimental purposes only and non-commercial. Upon vote the motion was adopted. Description of the area to be furnished by applicant.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre annually was submitted from Charles R. Wallace for lease on ten (10) acres of water bottoms in the coastal waters on the Gulf side of Vaca Key, Monroe County.

Mr. Wells explained that Mr. Wallace desired to experiment with sponge culture; that he had discussed the application with the Conservation Department and said department approved issuance of such lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease on the area described at the price offered, conditioned that the lease be non-commercial and for experimental purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Richard R. Roberts of Islamorada, Florida, for lease covering two small islands in Florida Bay, comprising approximately one (1) acre, for which he offers \$50.00 annually. The area is desired for experimenting with shrimp, and has the approval of the Conservation Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that five-year lease be authorized in favor of Mr. Roberts at the price offered conditioned that the lease be non-commercial and for experimental purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$100.00 from A. P. Krueger of Stuart, Florida, for two small islands near Sewell Point in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Southern States Oil & Land Co., by its president, James B. Hammond, for lease to explore for, find and remove precious metals and stones from submerged areas in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay Counties, for which the company offers \$100.00 annually plus twelve and one-half per cent (12½%) royalty on the realized products removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize a two-year non-exclusive lease in favor of Mr. Hammond's company on the basis of the offer made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the State Road Department that the Trustees grant permission for removal of sufficient fill material for the east and west approaches to proposed bridges on 79th Street Causeway—State Road No. 140-A—such material to be taken from an area granted to Sea-Bay Corporation for its North Bay Island project. Information was furnished that Sea-Bay Corporation was willing for the material to be removed by the Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant permission for the State Road Department to remove the material desired from the area indicated in Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees deny application from

Allen C. Grazier, on behalf of R. W. Lyons, to purchase 4.81 acres of submerged land in Pinellas County located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, the appraiser having advised that the land is covered by more than three feet of water. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Sperti, Inc., that the Trustees authorize change in Lease No. 448 so as to permit assignment to a subsidiary company, provided Sperti, Inc. remains the principal stockholder, said lease prohibiting such assignment.

The Trustees were not inclined to amend the lease without information as to whom assignment would be made, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Sperti, Inc. make application for approval of assignment, giving name of the assignee and the principal stockholders of the corporation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented for purchase of areas on Lake Conway, Orange County, by owners of the adjacent lots:

Giles F. Lewis—Offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.221 acres of reclaimed land adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, Block "E" Pleasure Island S/D, owned by applicant;

G. Wayne Gay—Offer of \$203.40 for 0.678 acres of reclaimed land in front of upland property described as parts of Lots 14 and 16 and all Lot 15.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the two parcels be advertised for objections only based on offers submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Virgil Neisler and John G. Herrin, Jr., offering \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between the old and new dykes in Sections 4 and 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for bids based on offer submitted. Upon vote motion was adopted.



Request was presented from the Land Department for authority to employ an extra typist at a salary of \$150.00 per month for emergency work.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request be granted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that bills amounting to \$259.37 be approved for payment pursuant to action of the Trustees September 11, 1945, allocating \$5000.00 for participation by the State in connection with the Geological Survey being made by the Federal Government with local agencies matching the fund of the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted and bill ordered paid.

List of expense accounts, delinquent drainage district taxes on State land, and miscellaneous bills was presented for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and duly adopted, that the following items be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	\$ 14.50
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota .....	10.50
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee .....	16.06
Cecil T. Farrington, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	61.95
Frank J. Heintz, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	66.45
S. S. Savage, Ocala .....	43.86
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C. ....	

Dade County

Miami, Florida

To delinquent Everglades Drainage taxes on Trustee owned lands located in Dade County, Florida, in Twp. 55 S., Rge. 38 E., Twp. 56 S., Rge. 38 E., Twp. 55 S., Rge. 39 E., Twp. 57. S., Rge. 40 E. ....	720.58
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Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector

Dade County

Miami, Florida

To Everglades Drainage District taxes on Trustee owned lands for year 1945 .....	970.57
Less 1% Discount .....	9.71
	960.86

Treasurer of the United States	
c/o Director, Geological Survey	
Washington, D. C. ....	259.37
Bonnie Shelfer, Tallahassee .....	96.36
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,250.49</b>

### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	1/23/46	20
Baker	1/21/46	1
Bay	1/21/46	1
Charlotte	1/7/46	18
Charlotte	2/11/46	5
Citrus	1/8/46	6
Citrus	2/11/46	4
Clay	1/26/46	3
Clay	2/9/46	4
Clay	2/16/46	28
Clay	2/23/46	1
Clay	2/23/46	3
Columbia	1/30/46	4
Dade	1/16/46	52
Dade	2/6/46	47
DeSoto	2/20/46	1
Dixie	1/29/46	1
Dixie	2/4/46	1
Duval	10/18/45	1
Duval	11/6/45	174
Escambia	2/4/46	11
Flagler	2/4/46	1
Gadsden	2/13/46	2
Hendry	2/4/46	60
Hendry	2/11/46	145
Hernando	2/18/46	6
Hillsborough	1/28/46	40
Hillsborough	2/11/46	25
Holmes	2/12/46	2

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Holmes	2/18/46	2
Indian River	2/18/46	18
Jackson	2/11/46	6
Lake	1/14/46	63
Lake	2/11/46	36
Lee	1/24/46	60
Madison	2/18/46	1
Madison	2/25/46	1
Manatee	1/7/46	1
Manatee	2/4/46	15
Marion	2/4/46	9
Monroe	2/12/46	200
Nassau	2/11/46	5
Okaloosa	8/9/43	1
Okaloosa	12/6/43	4
Okaloosa	12/6/43	1
Okaloosa	1/24/44	4
Okaloosa	2/6/44	4
Okaloosa	3/13/44	1
Okaloosa	9/25/44	19
Okaloosa	10/16/44	5
Okaloosa	12/30/44	8
Okaloosa	3/10/45	5
Okaloosa	4/21/45	7
Okaloosa	6/30/45	5
Okaloosa	9/25/45	2
Okeechobee	2/18/46	1
Orange	1/7/46	24
Osceola	1/21/46	82
Palm Beach	2/5/46	10
Palm Beach	2/8/46	9
Pasco	2/4/46	25
Pinellas	5/29/45	2
Pinellas	6/26/45	44
Pinellas	7/17/45	19
Pinellas	9/18/45	25
Pinellas	10/16/45	4
Pinellas	2/2/46	1
Polk	12/28/45	52
Putnam	2/2/46	43
Santa Rosa	2/4/46	7
Sarasota	1/28/46	16

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Sarasota	2/11/46	33
Seminole	2/11/46	24
St. Johns	12/14/45	13
St. Lucie	1/7/46	1
St. Lucie	2/4/46	15
Sumter	2/11/46	16
Taylor	1/11/46	2
Taylor	11/23/45	1
Taylor	1/18/46	2
Taylor	1/25/46	3
Taylor	2/8/46	2
Taylor	2/15/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following applications were presented for release of State road right of way reservations in deeds heretofore executed:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3984  
—To Joe Puleo

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 4111  
—To R. R. Crabb and Mary  
Pryor Crabb

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 08-A-Chap.  
21684 to Southwest Tampa  
Storm Sewer Drainage Dis-  
trict

Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 1247  
—To M. W. McNair

Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 1986  
—To Elsie Connell Horton

Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 1986  
—To O. F. Perkins



Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 486

—To Kathleen Spencer

Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 1219

—To S. F. Lipscomb

Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 1219

—To H. C. Gardenhire,  
H. C. Gardenhire, Jr.,  
R. B. Gardenhire and  
E. R. Gardenhire

Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1430

—To C. C. Brock

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had approved release of the road right of way reservation in each of the deeds applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the above deeds in favor of applicants upon payment of \$5.00 each deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following deeds for execution, the Attorney General's office having approved the issuance in each case:

Hillsborough County Deed No. 4240-Cor. to Marjory B. Hamner—To correct description in original deed;

Palm Beach County Deed No. 295-Duplicate—To Maizie Preonas—Original deed lost before being recorded;

St. Lucie County Deed No. 373-Cor.—To John D. Arnold—To correct description in original deed;

Seminole County Deed No. 948-Cor.—To Don Carder—To correct description in original deed;

Volusia County Deed No. 2242-Cor.—To Walter C. Hardesty, Jr.—To correct description in original deed.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed.

Mr. Elliot requested that the Trustees authorize issuance of two deeds under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, for the purpose of clearing Murphy Act certificates against land, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—The Everglades Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that deeds be executed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under provisions of Chapter 21684 for the purpose of conveying title under the Murphy Act to the following described property:

Lots 1 to 5 and 7 to 30, all inclusive, Block 1, and  
Lots 1, 2, 3 and 25, Block 2, Fairhaven—

Section 1, Township 55 South, Range 39 East;  
Lots 30 to 40, Block 9, Dixie Park Heights

All in Dade County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of the Town of Okeechobee, requesting that the Trustees release from Okeechobee County Deed No. 01-Chapter 21684—in favor of the City of Okeechobee, the restriction for public purposes only, for which release they offered \$10.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed as requested at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Duval County for allowance of protest from S. F. Dubbs to sale of land August 9, 1945—Report No. 62. It was explained that Mr. Dubbs as former owner made application for the land and on date of sale he was the highest bidder; that through error deeds were issued to Fred and W. F. Anderson and Mr. Dubbs asks that the land be again advertised and sold.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow protest requested by Mr. Dubbs for resale of Lots 6 and 7, Block 89, Grand Park, provided he immediately deposits with the Clerk

of the Circuit Court the necessary amounts. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Clay County for conveyance of

Lot 6, Block "E", Shands Plat of Green Cove Springs,

with offer of \$50.00 for the lot. Information was furnished that the County purchased the lot from a company now out of existence but failed to have deed recorded; that there is a County warehouse on the property and in order to clear the title they offer one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot under Chapter 21684 of 1943 in favor of Clay County at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Consideration was given to request from Indian River Farms Drainage District that the Trustees allow sale of the following described Murphy Act land in said district with a base bid of fifty cents (50¢) an acre:

Tracts 2 and 8 of Section 15, and

Part Tract 1 and all Tracts 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of Section 14, all in Township 33 South, Range 38 East, Indian River County.

Information was furnished that the land was being advertised for sale on March 18, 1946, based on action taken by the Trustees in 1943 that a portion of the land could be advertised at fifty cents an acre, however, it was understood by the Trustees in 1943 that the transaction would be closed within a reasonable time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to allow sale with base bid of fifty cents an acre and that the Clerk be notified that the sale could be held with bids starting at one-fourth the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from City of Stuart that the Trustees convey to the City certain Martin County land described as,

30 foot private road south of S/D Bessey's Second Addition—part of Government Lot 6, Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 41 East,

for which they offer \$100.00, or one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel to the City of Stuart at the price offered, deed to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1932, containing the condition that the land will be used perpetually as a public street. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Volusia County requesting that he be allowed to eliminate mailing registered notices to former owners of approximately 110 lots in Tomoka Park, a boom-time subdivision. It was explained that the Special Case Committee had recommended advertisement of these lots upon application from Geraldine Littlefield with a base bid of \$330.00, but it was necessary to have authority from the Trustees for omitting sending notices.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees waive the rules and authorize the Clerk to omit the mailing of registered notices to former owner in the advertisement and sale of lots in Tomoka Park applied for by Geraldine Littlefield. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted for approval of Volusia County deed in favor of New Smyrna-DeLand Drainage District, issued under provisions of Chapter 22967 which provides for conveyance of Murphy Act land in said District for a consideration of \$100.00.

All requirements having been complied with, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the deed be approved for execution. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



Consideration was given to amending the "Guide of Procedure in the Sale of Land Under Chapter 18296" with reference to giving notice by registered letter to former owners. It was the view of the Trustees that sufficient time had elapsed within which former owners, if interested, could regain title to property now under the Murphy Act, and that the time and expense incurred in rendering this service was no longer necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Guide of Procedure now in force be amended as follows:

That all that part of said Guide of Procedure relating to "former owner" as appearing on Pages 2, 3 and 4, be eliminated,

and that the Clerks of the Circuit Courts be notified of such action, which action makes it unnecessary to send registered notices to former owners. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary called attention to a condition existing in connection with provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, which provides for conveyance of land to certain public agencies without advertisement or public sale; that numerous cases have come up where application has been made by an individual for sale in the regular manner under Chapter 18296—in many cases the advertisement running and sale date set—and prior to issuance of deed a public agency applies for deed under said law first mentioned without an offer to pay for the land; that in some cases the Trustees have cancelled the advertised sale and conveyed to the public agency; that this condition is causing confusion and complaints. In order to avoid such situations it was suggested that applications be not accepted under Chapter 21684 covering parcels of land already applied for and for which bid has been deposited under Chapter 18296 in accordance with the rules of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the subject be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether the Trustees would be justified in taking such action under provisions of the Act referred to. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Lonnie Knight for allowance of protest to sale of Alachua County land January 23, 1946. Information was given that Notice did not reach Mr. Knight until after the time allowed for filing protests under the rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that protest be allowed as requested by Mr. Knight provided the necessary deposit is filed with the Clerk immediately. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Consideration was given to application from City of Palmetto, Manatee County, for conveyance of

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Block 3—N. S. Davis' ReSub, and Lot 5 Robinson's Subd.,

which the City desires in order that the property may be conveyed to the School Board for school purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the City of Palmetto, Florida, of the lots described, deed to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684 for consideration of \$5.00, conditioned that the land be used for school purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from L. T. Millirons for release of State road right of way reservation in Deed No. 129—Gadsden County. Also presented was approval from the State Road Department for release of the reservation as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of State Road right of way as requested by Mr. Millirons. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Two applications were presented from the City of Jacksonville for conveyance of the following described property in Duval County:

17 lots in Grand Park Add. for widening and extending West 21st Street to become a part of a new State road to Callahan, and

Lot 9, Block 1—Marvin-Mason Realty Company's  
S/D for opening Dent Street.

No offer was made for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to convey the lots without consideration and make counter proposal to deed under Chapter 21684 upon payment of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and duly adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

T. W. Brown, C.C.C., Nassau County .....	\$ 7.25
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	134.24
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$141.49</b>

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Mr. Elliot reported transfer for the month of March of the following amount to General Revenue Fund from receipts under Chapter 18296:

**TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368**  
**FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296**

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$50,000.00

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates, the opinion being that they evidence no title in the State under Chapter 18296, and that recommendation be made to the Comptroller that such certificates be cancelled; also that certificates issued in Sumter County covering land not located within that county but certified under the Murphy Act, be recommended to the Comptroller for cancellation:

## DADE COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1499	1918
	40222	1933
	11780	1927
	40136	1933

## DUVAL COUNTY

Ctf. No.	2352	1917
	2696	1920
	16884	1933
Pt.	786	1908
	2476	1898
	1616	1901
	31536	1933

## HERNANDO COUNTY

Ctf. No.	820	1932
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## SARASOTA COUNTY

Ctf. No.	22	1926
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## SUMTER COUNTY

Ctf. No.	264	1899
	91	1915
	177	1900
	113	1914
	168	1919
	178	1919
	169	1903
	128	1916
	108	1904
	107	1921
	92	1909
	199	1894
	198	1895
	200	1894
	199	1895
	169	1906
	824	1928
	547	1901

## CITRUS COUNTY

Ctf. No.	807	1933
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## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Ctf. No.	990	1931
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## SARASOTA COUNTY

Ctf. No.	2971	1929
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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 12, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. D. C. Smith, Attorney for Fort Pierce Inlet District, submitted proposal to the Trustees for release of the "public purpose" provision in Deeds No. 17126 issued in 1923 and No. 17183 issued in 1924 to Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company. Mr. Smith explained that Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company has agreed to convey to the Inlet District the following described land:

All of the land owned by said company on Causeway Island north of State Road No. 162 and west of U. S. Coast Guard property, and all property owned by the Company on Causeway Island south of State Road No. 162 and west of a line drawn at right angles to said road 500 feet east of the easterly end of the concrete viaduct at the west end of Causeway Island,

in exchange for the following land owned by Fort Pierce Inlet District:

All land owned by the District on Causeway Island south of State Road No. 162,

also conditioned upon the Inlet District securing from the Trustees release of the "public purposes" clause in the two deeds referred to. In consideration for the release the Inlet District offers the Trustees \$50.00 an acre for the land to be deeded to said District by the Financing and Construction Company.

Upon consideration of the proposal, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and the Land Department for examination and report at the next meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. J. Velma Keen, on behalf of Elmer E. Whittle, presented application to purchase

6.4 acres of submerged land in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County,

for which he offered \$150.00 an acre. It was explained that Mr. Whittle owns an apartment house and the land applied for lies north and south and adjacent to his property.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees secure an appraisal of the property before taking action on the application. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. W. S. Middleton, Mayor of Pomona, Florida, requested that the Trustees reconsider former action taken in connection with sale of reclaimed land marginal to Lake Broward, Putnam County, and execute quitclaim deed to the town at a price of \$500.00 for approximately 300 acres.

Information was furnished that the Trustees had placed a value on this land of \$10.00 an acre, but in view of the circumstances it had been indicated an offer of \$5.00 an acre from the City of Pomona would receive favorable consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees decline to change the price heretofore fixed on this property—\$5.00 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Financial Statements for the month of February, 1946, are as follows:

## UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1946 .....	\$583,506.96
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## Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$19,410.37
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Land Sales—Chapter 14717—	
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Palm Beach Co. ....	\$ 60.00
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Broward Co. ....	500.00	560.00
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Timber Leases .....	768.04
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Mineral Leases .....	310.00
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General Lease .....	18.75
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Grazing Leases .....	270.00
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Shell Leases .....	112.35
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Interest on Contract No. 18,789 .....	6.12
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Campsite .....	11.25
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Tax Refunds .....	408.00
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Refund Grazing Lease No. 404 .....	148.05
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Refund—Account payment of taxes not properly due .....	9.89
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Refund—Account Overpayment of Everglades Drainage Dist Taxes Broward County .....	906.84
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Total Receipts for the Month of	
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February, 1946 .....	\$22,939.66	22,939.66
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TOTAL .....	\$606,446.62
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Less Disbursements for month of	
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February, 1946 .....	42,633.59
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BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1946 .....	\$563,813.03
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## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
2-2-46	174407	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	\$ 236.17
2-6-46	176763	Cyril Baldwin	162.00
2-6-46	176764	Comptroller of Florida	29.73
2-8-46	183943	A. R. Richardson	1,929.98
2-15-46	183944	Boyd Richards	27.13
	183945	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	295.94
	183946	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	4,833.71
	183947	Istapoga Canal Sub-Drainage District	14.90
	183948	Jack L. Meeks, CCC	327.56
	183949	Board of County Commission- ers, Levy County	94.00

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	183950	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer .....	4,059.86
	183951	Board of County Commissioners, Levy County .....	26,534.38
2-15-46	184409	Pearl Pearce .....	111.04
2-18-46	186284	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—2% Transfer .....	1,663.18
2-23-46	187966	Comptroller of Florida .....	14.13
2-28-46	194937	F. C. Elliot .....	307.75
	194938	M. O. Barco .....	145.50
	194939	Jentye Dedge .....	204.40
	194940	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	194941	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	194942	Cyril Baldwin .....	202.20
	194943	A. C. Bridges .....	259.65
	194944	Julius F. Parker .....	433.40
	194945	Caroline S. Silver .....	55.53
	194946	Geraldine Davis .....	105.51
	199159	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	5.50
	199160	Capital Office Equipment Co. ...	2.10
	199161	H. J. Youngblood, Sheriff .....	2.85
	199162	Cyril Baldwin .....	72.00
	199163	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	72.84
		5% Retirement Fund .....	56.55
		Withholding Tax .....	307.60
<b>TOTAL .....</b>			<b>\$42,633.59</b>

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of February 1, 1946 .....	\$ 61,159.89
Receipts for the Month	
Oil Leases .....	—0—
Total Receipts for the month .....	—0—
Total .....	\$ 61,159.89
Disbursements for the month .....	—0—
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1946 .....	\$ 61,159.89

#### UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of February 1, 1946 .....	\$ 68,187.36
Receipts for the month .....	85,558.86
Total .....	\$153,746.22



Less Disbursements for the month ..... 51,279.99

BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1946 ..... \$102,466.23

### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
2-28-46	194898	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 261.20
	194899	Helen Phillips .....	184.80
	194900	Mary Evans Voss .....	153.50
	194901	J. R. Roberts .....	174.40
	194902	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	194903	Jentye Dedge .....	28.00
	194904	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	194905	Mildred Scott .....	144.15
	194906	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	123.60
	199103	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	4.24
	199104	The H & W B Drew Co. ....	8.25
	200234	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas- urer—Transfer to General Revenue .....	50,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	22.20
		Withholding Tax .....	104.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1946 ..... \$51,279.99

### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were ready for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Columbia	1/30/46	1
Palm Beach	2/8/46	1
Sumter	2/11/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest

filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Applications were presented from Indian River, Pinellas and Putnam Counties requesting release of state road right of way reservations in deeds issued to individuals, and information was furnished that the State Road Department had approved release of the reservation in each case.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing road reservation:

Indian River County Q.C. Deed No. 328 to Clarissa M. Hardee;

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 1712 to Albert Sommerwerck and Marie E. Sommerwerck, his wife;

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2013 to Richard L. Hart;

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2863 to Blanche Bicking and Harry B. Bicking, and

Putnam County Q.C. Deed No. 197 to J. A. Cameron, Jr. and Edith Cameron, his wife.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from the Board of Public Instruction of Sumter County requesting dedication under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of

Lot 4 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County,

the lot to be used for public school purposes. Offer of \$5.00 accompanied the application, which amount was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize dedication of the lot for public school purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Consideration was given to request from Town of Apopka for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941 of approximately 104 lots (in Orange County) formerly owned by the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots applied for upon payment of \$1.00 per lot and the filing of evidence of former ownership as required in the Act. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to recent action of the Trustees, Melbourne-Tillman Drainage District had agreed to offer fifty-five cents (55¢) an acre for approximately 2745 acres, being all land owned by the State under the Murphy Act in said district, subject to regular advertisement and sale, in Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize advertisement and sale of the lots applied for with a base bid of fifty-five cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve as the action of the Board the following report from the Special Case Committee:

March 11, 1946

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund  
C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bids shown upon sheets numbered from 427 to 433, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 427 to 433, and

each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General.

M/h/v  
Encls.

Upon vote the motion was carried and the report adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 19, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.



At the meeting of the Trustees January 29th, authority was given to advertise Hendry County land for sale based on application from L. P. Austin, and the following Notice was published in the Clewiston News February 15th, 22nd, March 1st, 8th and 15th, 1946:

# NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 9th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 19th, 1946, for lands in HENDRY COUNTY, described as follows:

Sections 19, 20, 28, 30, 31 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 34 East; and

Sections 4, 6, 7 and 8, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids starting with an offer of \$32,292.24 from L. P. Austin. Other bidders were C. B. Knowles and Solon Crews. Highest bid offered was \$45,000.00 from C. B. Knowles.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Knowles at the price bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Watson asked that consideration be given to method of sale now used by the Trustees and whether

or not it would be advisable to continue sales under the general plan now in force.

Discussion was had as to length of the contracts now used and whether or not cash payments should be increased and reduction in the time for completing contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the matter be referred to the Special Attorney, Mr. Parker, for recommendation as to any changes in the Trustees' plan of sale, with special reference to selection of land to be released from contract and amount of cash payment.

Mr. Parker was present and replied that he had been studying the contract plan and his recommendation would be that no material change be made as the Trustees had authority to cancel the contract at any time upon failure to make payments without the necessity of foreclosure; that title to the property remained in the State until completion of all payments and that the party taking contract was required to pay taxes.

Motion not having been seconded, failed of adoption.

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The Trustees having considered application from Florida Humus Company at the meeting January 22nd, agreed to advertise certain lands in Orange County for bids and objections, and the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel February 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1st and 8th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 6th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, for objections and competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11 o'clock A. M. March 19th, 1946, the following described lands in ORANGE COUNTY, Florida, to-wit:

Those certain lands which formerly comprised a part of the bottoms of Lake Apopka which have been permanently drained and reclaimed, located between the lines of Government survey of the original margin of said lake and its present ordi-

nary high water mark, in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 and 30, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, and in Sections 18 and 19, Township 21 South, Range 28 East, comprising 2610 acres. more or less.

Accurate description to be furnished with deed.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.36, 253.37 and 270.07, 270.08, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and objections. No objections were filed and the only bid received was made by Charles O. Andrews, Jr., representing Florida Humus Company, as follows:

\$1.00 per acre, or .....	\$2,608.22
Plus 3% interest from Dec. 15, 1892 .....	4,167.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$6,775.72</b>

Mr. Andrews requested that the Trustees adopt a resolution which with the deed conveying the land would tie the present transaction with the old conveyance in 1892 and complete the title in his company.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the resolution be not adopted for the reason that in his opinion it incorrectly recited parts of the law with which it deals. Motion was lost for lack of second.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried that the bid of Florida Humus Company be accepted for the land and that the following resolution be adopted, Mr. Watson voting No:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by resolution adopted February 25, 1879,

entered into a contract with the Apopka Canal Company whereby said company agreed to enter and ditch and drain certain swamp and overflowed lands in Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 26, 27 and 28 East, in Orange and Lake Counties in consideration of the Trustees conveying title to it of four out of five acres drained and made suitable for cultivation; and

WHEREAS, said work was completed and approved by the Engineer for the Trustees and deeds to said land duly executed and delivered to the said Apopka Canal Company, including Trustees Deed No. 14,757 dated December 15, 1892, and

WHEREAS, said Deed No. 14,757 included lands for which the Swamp Land Patent was never issued to the State of Florida by the United States Commissioner of Lands, said lands being lake bottom lands, title to which vested in the State of Florida by virtue of its sovereignty, and having been permanently reclaimed in pursuance of said contract, and

WHEREAS, the authority of the Trustees to sell and convey such lands on December 15, 1892 was not clearly set forth by law but said authority was subsequently granted the Trustees by Chapter 7891, Laws of Florida 1919, now Sections 253.36 and 253.37 Florida Statutes 1941, and

WHEREAS, a survey has been made and map has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Trustees, showing an accurate and complete description of said lands situate, lying and being in Orange County and on the northwesterly side of Lake Apopka, a general description of which is as follows:

The lands lying between the shore of said lake and what is known as Government Shore Line Survey of April 25, 1883, embracing land between said line and the present shore line of said Lake Apopka, as shown on Plat referred to. The said lands are located in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24, of Township 21 South, Range 27 East, and in Sections 18, 19 and 30 of Township 21 South, Range 28 East. (Exact description of said land to appear in deed.)

WHEREAS, Apopka Canal Company claims to have returned said lands for taxation in Orange County for



the year 1893 and, together with its successors in title, claim to have paid State and County taxes thereon for each successive year including the year 1945, and

WHEREAS, The Florida Humus Company, and its predecessors in title including the Apopka Canal Company, claim to have been in open, notorious, continuous and peaceful possession of said lands since December 15, 1892, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Humus Company, the successor in title to the Apopka Canal Company, has made application for a confirmatory deed to said lands under the provision of Chapter 7891, Laws of Florida, 1919, (Sections 253.36 and 253.37 Florida Statutes 1941) and has bid for said land \$2,608.22, plus interest thereon from the date of the original deed at the rate of 3% per annum in the amount of \$4,167.60, and has offered to exchange lands owned by it in Lake County, Florida, as additional consideration for said lands under the provisions of Chapter 8525, Laws of Florida 1921, (Sections 253.42 and 253.43 Florida Statutes 1941), and

WHEREAS, notice of the application of the Florida Humus Company, to purchase such lands on competitive bids and subject to objections, has been duly published in the Orlando Reporter Star, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in Orange County, Florida, on February 8, 15, 22 and March 1 and 8, 1946, and

WHEREAS, the bid and offer for exchange made by Florida Humus Company was the only bid and offer for exchange received when the land was offered for sale by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on March 19, 1946, at which sale there were no objections filed; and

WHEREAS, to sell and convey said land is in compliance with the contract entered into by and between the Trustees and the predecessors in title to Florida Humus Company,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the application made by Florida Humus Company to purchase the lands heretofore described be and is hereby accepted in accordance with said bid,

and that a deed conveying title to said lands be duly executed and delivered to Florida Humus Company, a Florida corporation;

2. That the offer made by Florida Humus Company to exchange the following described land in Lake County, and the deed conveying title in said land to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, be accepted:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 26 East.

Mr. Andrews brought up the question of oil and mineral reservations and requested that they be eliminated.

The Trustees were not agreeable to omitting the reservations and the request was not granted.

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Mr. Paul Brown and Mr. Evans Crary, representing Sperti, Inc., submitted application for a lease to gather agar-agar bearing marine algae (a weed from which agar-agar is taken) from the waters of Florida extending from Port Inglis, south along the west coast of Florida up to and including the Florida keys, and also the inland waterways of Florida from St. Augustine down to and including Biscayne Bay region to Florida Keys. Mr. Brown made the following proposal: that his company would like to be protected by being given a lease under the same terms and conditions as lease No. 448 dated November 30, 1945; not exclude anyone else from gathering the weed, but in the event another lease be given that such lessee be required to construct a plant in the State approximately the same as required by Sperti, Inc.

Information was furnished that Lease No. 448 was for a period of ten (10) years with payment at the rate of \$1.00 per dry ton and a guaranteed payment of not less than \$500.00 annually.

Attorney General Watson suggested that the Trustees authorize lease to Sperti, Inc., covering the area described upon payment of annual rental of \$5,000.00; that the Trustees will not lease to any one who will not put up a plant in Florida under the same conditions required by Sperti.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Crary asked that they be given time to submit the proposal to their company, which was agreed to.

Later during the meeting Mr. Crary reported that he had talked with his company by phone and they asked that the Trustees have their attorney prepare lease along the lines discussed and send to said company for examination; that if that could be done he had reason to believe that it would be agreeable with his company. He also stated that Sperti, Inc., desired to hold its present Lease No. 448 and secure the new lease on the additional area.

Without objection the matter was ordered held pending preparation of the lease for submission to Sperti, Inc.

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Mr. Watson retired from the meeting.

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Mr. Thomas H. Horobin submitted offer on January 29th of \$1,000.00 an acre for sovereignty land in Dade County and the Trustees authorized advertisement of the land subject to objections only. The following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on February 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1st and 8th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 4th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 19th, 1946, for lands in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

Submerged lands adjacent to:

Government Lots 1 and 2, and the fractional  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27; Government Lots 1 and 2 and the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34;

Government Lot 2, Section 35; Government Lot 4 of Section 26.

The width of said areas around the Lots described varies from zero to approximately 200 feet on the easterly side, and from zero at the

north end to approximately 300 feet on the westerly side; and from approximately 200 feet at the East end of the southerly side to approximately 500 feet at the westerly end of the southern side. All in Township 52 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 63 acres.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to confirm sale to Mr. Horobin at the price offered. There being no second, the motion was lost and disposition of the sale deferred until the next meeting.

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At the meeting of the Trustees January 22nd, it was agreed to advertise for objections only land applied for by J. Velma Keen, on behalf of A. E. Cummer, with offer of \$150.00 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on February 13th, 20th, 27th, March 6th and 13th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 6th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 19th, 1946, for lands in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

TRACT "A"—Description of a tract of land lying in the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township



36 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, said corner being the intersection of the center lines of Hyde Park Avenue and Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, thence North 0-15'-0" West along the quarter section line and the center line of Orange Avenue, a distance of 2674.1 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, said corner being the intersection of the center lines of Orange Avenue and Bahia Vista Avenue, Sarasota, Florida; thence South 89-50'-0" West along the quarter section line a distance of 700 feet to the Northwest corner of U. S. Government Lot 2, Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, thence South 3-13'-0" East a distance of 70 feet for a point of beginning; thence the following courses and distances; South 86-47'-0" West, 440 feet; South 79-17'-0" West, 370 feet; South 38-02'-0" West, 400 feet; South 12-02'-0" West, 370 feet; South 43-03'-0" East, 260 feet; South 60-48'-0" East, 270 feet; North 64-12'-0" East, 170 feet; North 28-37'-0" East, 300 feet; North 75-09'-0" East, 130 feet; South 42-36'-0" East, 150 feet; South 60-56'-45" East, 79.4 feet; North 3-13'-0" West, 1542.4 feet to the point of beginning.

The area of this tract is 22.9 acres, more or less.  
TRACT "B"—Description of a tract of land lying in the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East; Sarasota County, Florida.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, said southeast corner being the intersection of the center lines of Hyde Park Avenue and Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida; thence North 89-55'-0" West along the south boundary of said Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, a distance of 660 feet to the southwest corner of U. S. Government Lot 2,

thence North 3-13'-0" West along the west boundary line of said U. S. Government Lot 2 a distance of 90 feet for a point of beginning, thence the following courses and distances; North 3-13'-0" West, 655.06 feet, North 37-0'-0" West, 255 feet; North 44-23'-30" West, 390 feet; South 88-11'-15" West, 320 feet; North 48-14'-30" West, 350 feet; North 72-34'-30" West, 130 feet; South 64-22'-0" West, 140 feet; South 33-02'-30" West, 260 feet; South 3-51'-0" West, 180 feet; South 36-21'-0" West, 330 feet, South 25-42'-0" West, 330 feet; South 16-0'-0" East, 200 feet; South 84-39'-30" East, 440 feet; North 69-13'-0" East, 220 feet; North 58-21'-45" East, 310 feet; South 72-57'-15" East, 430 feet; South 56-33'-15" East, 470 feet; North 83-45'-45" East. 90.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The area of this tract is 32.4 acres, more or less.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes, 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out, no objections were filed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale of the land be confirmed to A. E. Cummer and John R. Wilbank at the price agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 22nd, on application from H. Gregory, on behalf of Bert R. Broadwell, with offer of \$32.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on February 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1st and 8th, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 4th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale, and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. March 19th, 1946, for lands in BROWARD COUNTY, described as follows:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 13, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Sections 270.07, 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer submitted was from Mr. Broadwell—\$32.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer be accepted and sale confirmed to Mr. Broadwell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application from W. C. Prewitt with offer of \$100.00 for a certain parcel of land in Palm Beach County was considered January 29th and the following Notice authorized published in the Palm Beach Post on February 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 15th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock

A. M. March 19th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying between the State Survey meander line and the right-of-way line of the U. S. Levee, contiguous to Lot 5, T. J. Champion Subdivision, in the east half of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, which tract or parcel is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the west line of Lot 5, which line is also the north and south quarter section line of Section 28, with the meander line of Section 28 run S 38° 09' E along said meander line a distance of 366 feet more or less to point 16 on said meander line; thence run S 32° 28' E along said meander line a distance of 292 feet more or less to an intersection with the east line of said Lot 5; thence run N 57° 32' E, perpendicular to said meander line, along a prolongation of the east line of said Lot 5 a distance of 157 feet more or less to the right-of-way line of the U. S. Levee; thence run N 41° 23' W along said right-of-way line a distance of 779 feet more or less to an intersection with the north and south quarter section line; thence run South along said quarter section line a distance of 134 feet more or less to the point of beginning, containing 1.9 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out and no objections filed or presented, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Prewitt at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



Mr. J. Velma Keen, on behalf of Elmer E. Whittle of Sarasota, Florida, applied to purchase

6.4 acres of submerged land in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County,

for which he offered \$150.00 an acre. The Trustees having placed a higher appraised value on the land, the offer was declined, whereupon Mr. Keen offered \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only based on offer of \$300.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to decline offer of \$15.00 an acre from Paul Rardin of Canal Point, Florida, for purchase of

Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, containing 640 acres in Palm Beach County,

the Trustees having fixed a higher value on the land. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from C. C. Ansley, on behalf of The Sussex Company, Inc., offering \$50.00 an acre for purchase of

Lot 6 between Townships 53/54 South, Range 40 East, containing 329.30 acres in Dade County.

The offer being in line with appraised value of the property, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer of \$50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Larson to decline bid of \$7.50 an acre from J. H. Anderson of Oldtown, Florida, for the following described land:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 7, Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres in Lafayette County,

and make counter proposal to advertise the land for sale provided applicant will agree to bid not less than

\$10.00 an acre on date of sale. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Application was presented from Mr. Thos. H. Horobin for permit to take sand from the following described area:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22;  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26;  
All in Township 52 South, Range 42 East,  
Dade County.

Mr. Horobin offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all sand removed and desires the lease for a period of five (5) years on the usual terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that five-year sand lease be granted in favor of Mr. Horobin at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees decline offer of \$300.00 from A. P. Krueger for two small islands near Sewell Point located in

Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East,  
containing approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Martin  
County,

and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for competitive bidding provided Mr. Krueger will agree to bid not less than \$1,000.00 on date of sale. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Offer of \$10.00 an acre was submitted from G. D. Bridges for the following described land:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3;  
All in Township 19 South, Range 21 East,  
Containing 200 acres in Sumter County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for com-

petitive bidding, based on offer of \$10.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells advised that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 12th, referring to the Attorney General and the Land Department the proposal from Fort Pierce Inlet District, report was ready for presentation but in the meantime letter had been received from the district requesting that no further action be taken pending outcome of a lawsuit now before the Supreme Court.

It was ordered that the matter be deferred for the present.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Attorney General be requested to make his file in the case of Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company vs. Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund available to Mr. Julius Parker, Special Attorney for the Trustees, in order that Mr. Parker assist in this suit. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented application from C. L. McKaig, on behalf of Derek R. Wilson and Charlotte E. Wilson, his wife, with offer of \$610.00 for the following land:

Lots 21 and 22, Block "A", Grove Heights S/D,  
Sarasota County.

Title to the lots vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and the appraiser has fixed the value at \$300.00 each lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lots to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented list of State owned lands located within Everglades Drainage District ready for certification to the District as required by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by said Trustees for the year 1946, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, as appearing in the column headed "DESCRIPTION" and the column headed "VALUE," which said lists are identified by the signature of the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 19th day of March, 1946.

The Secretary was requested to certify the lists to Everglades Drainage District pursuant to resolution adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Comptroller, State of Florida .....	\$ 15.66
Lamar B. Dozier, Attorney at Law, Sarasota .....	25.00
The Tallahassee Daily Democrat, Tallahassee .....	55.20
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach .....	12.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee .....	15.00
Treasurer of the United States, Geological Survey .....	604.94
Paul Smith Construction Co., Tallahassee .....	341.75
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00



W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary .....	185.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Typist .....	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$3,383.05</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Broward	1/21/46	448
Dade	2/15/46	2
Duval	12/13/45	90
Jackson	2/11/46	1
Osceola	2/18/45	28
Pinellas	8/15/45	1
Pinellas	4/17/45	1
Pinellas	12/18/45	31
Pinellas	1/2/46	143

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, offering \$5.00 per lot for conveyance of approximately 250 lots with an assessed value in 1932 of \$23,130.00—Charlotte County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to deed the lots under Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Archie Clements, City Attorney, and Mr. Fred H. Howard, Mayor, presented application on behalf of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, for conveyance of approximately 222 lots for which an offer of \$2.00 per lot was made. It was explained that the City desired to acquire the lots for construction of veterans' homes.

Governor Caldwell asked if the sale would be made with the understanding that all lots would be sold to veterans, to which Mr. Clements replied that the City planned to offer the lots to veterans without cost but asked that the Trustees not make a requirement of the transaction that the lots be sold only to veterans for the reason that they did not believe there would be that number making application to build; that the City would like to acquire the lots in order that they be placed on the assessment roll and bring in revenue to the city; also that approximately 44 of the lots would be used in connection with the airport for public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees accept the offer of \$2.00 per lot with the understanding that veterans will have preference in the acquisition of lots, without cost, according to whatever sale program the City may have. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. Deed was directed drawn under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, in favor of the City of Tarpon Springs.

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Three applications were presented for release of road right of way reservation in deeds heretofore executed by the Trustees with information that the State Road Department has recommended release in each instance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing the State road right of ways:

Putnam County Q.C. Deed No. 197 to J. A. Cameron, Jr., and Edith Cameron, his wife;

Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1088 to Harry G. White and wife, Mary A. White;

Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1430 to Harry G.  
White and wife, Mary A. White;

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 2.90
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	40.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	2.00
Paul Smith Construction Co., Tallahassee	341.75
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,654.15</b>

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
March 26, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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The Trustees having deferred action March 19th on Dade County sale of land applied for by Thos. H. Horobin, motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that sale be confirmed to Mr. Horobin at the price offered—\$1,000.00 an acre for 63 acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted. (Copy of advertisement recorded in Minutes of March 19, 1946.)

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Request was submitted from Thos. H. Horobin for two right of ways for constructing bridges from the village of Surfside to property purchased by him in Dade County, sale of which was confirmed this date. Easements requested are designated as follows:

1. In prolongation 50 feet wide each side of the center line projected westwardly from 96th Street in Surfside from the high water mark on the Easterly shore of Indian Creek to the bulkhead line of property proposed to be bulkheaded and filled; and
2. In prolongation 50 feet wide each side of the center line projected westwardly from 95th Street in Surfside from the high water mark on the Easterly shore of Indian Creek to the bulkhead line of property proposed to be bulkheaded and filled.

Mr. Elliot explained that it would be necessary for Mr. Horobin to have easements from the State before he could get a War Department Permit to cross navigable waters.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request from Mr. Horobin for the two easements. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to renew Grazing Lease No. 109 in favor of Lykes Brothers, expiring August 24, 1946, involving 174.53 acres in Sections 27 and 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades



County, said request having been submitted by J. H. Holloway. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$5.25 an acre was presented from Sherrill Dillard of Emporia, Florida, for purchase of

Lots 1 and 2, Section 21, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, containing 77.89 acres in Lake County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the offer be declined and counter proposal made to Mr. Dillard to advertise the land for competitive bids provided he agrees to bid not less than \$7.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for spoil area in Flagler County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested for Maintenance Spoil Area No. 3100-A involving 25.8 acres in Township 12 South, Range 31 East, Flagler County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from A. W. Young for permission to assign Mineral Leases No. 274 dated August 4, 1942 and No. 414 to Atlantic Engineering Corporation. Upon vote, motion was adopted granting request.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$5.00 an acre from Lewis H. Hill, Jr., on behalf of A. C. Frizzell, for purchase of

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 39 South, Range 21 East,—containing 40 acres in Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and application denied.

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Mr. Chester Ferguson, representing Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., presented request for execution of oil lease on the area south of the Pasco County line covered in their Exploration Contract and Option to Lease No. 224.

The Trustees having heretofore requested opinion from the Special Attorney, Julius Parker, as to whether the 1945 Acts would have any effect on Contract No. 224, report was submitted giving his opinion as follows:

"It is my opinion that if the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund find that Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc. has complied with all of its obligations under the original contract of October 4, 1941, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are obligated to execute a drilling lease in accordance with the form appended to the original contract and without material variations therefrom, without mutual agreement between the parties. It is my opinion however that all of the acts passed subsequent to the execution of this contract on October 4, 1941, which are valid exercises of the police power of the State, would be applicable to any leases affected now in pursuance of the contract. I refer specifically to the acts relative to the conservation of oil and gas and all other acts which are valid exercises of the police power and which do not impair the obligation of the original contract."

Discussion was had as to the terms of the lease form attached to the contract and the requirements for drilling wells, the Governor being of the opinion that the drilling requirements were not sufficient.

Mr. Larson expressed the view that there should be some definite commitment as to drilling of the wells; that he had been opposed to execution of any lease to the Arnold interests under their Contract No. 224 feeling that they had not complied with the contract as to exploration work.

Motion of Mr. Lee to execute and deliver the lease in accordance with findings of the Board more than a year ago was lost for want of a second.

Consideration was given to whether or not the objections had been withdrawn from the coast and beach communities around Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Sarasota and Bradenton, Mr. Mayo and Mr. Larson having expressed the opinion that they would like to be satisfied as to whether or not their objections had been met by laws enacted in 1945.

Mr. Ferguson was of the opinion that the laws enacted at the 1945 session of the Legislature gave ample protection to beach property. He also asked if the Trustees would be agreeable to executing the lease provided his clients would agree to a provision in the lease requiring that within one year the lessee will commence drilling one well to a depth of not less than ten thousand feet and pursue until oil or gas is encountered or it is definitely determined that they cannot proceed, unless oil or gas is found at a less depth; that in the event the well is abandoned before reaching ten thousand feet that another well be commenced.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee that the lease be granted with the additional condition for commencing the drilling of a well within one year to a depth of not less than ten thousand (10,000) feet. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Information furnished was that the lease would cover the areas south of the south line of Pasco County covered in Contract No. 224 and will be designated as follows:

All water bottoms of the Gulf of Mexico within 3 leagues (10.36 statute miles) of the ordinary high water mark of the outermost shore included within Drilling Blocks 14-A, 15-A, 16-A, 17-A, 18-A, 19-A, 20-A, 21-A, 22-A, 23-A and 24-A;

All submerged lands and water bottoms of all bays, sounds and bayous of the Gulf, and adjacent Government water front lots contiguous to water bottoms of the Gulf of Mexico, in Drilling Blocks 14-A to 24-A, both inclusive, included within Drilling Blocks 1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B, 6-B, 7-B and 8-B;

Also bottoms of and water bottoms adjacent to rivers hereinafter named which flow through natural channels into the Gulf of Mexico, to-wit: Myakka, Manatee, Little Manatee, Alafia, Caloosahatchee (from its mouth to LaBelle Bridge) included within Drilling Blocks 1-C and 2-C.

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Mr. R. A. Gray, on behalf of the State Board of Conservation, submitted bids for printing 1,000 copies of Chapter 22819 of 1945—Oil Lease Act—about 25

pages—with information that Bulkley-Newman Printing Company had made the lowest offer.

Upon discussion as to the fund from which the printing could be paid, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be billed for the cost of the work. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Willis G. Waldo, President of Florida Ramie Products, Inc., appeared before the Trustees and explained that there had been some changes in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington and it had ruled against the offer from Florida Ramie Products, Inc. to assume all expense in connection with drainage of certain land on which the State was to produce ramie, giving as its reason that title to the land was not in the company.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that it would be advantageous to pay for the drainage of this land, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees make available \$20,000.00 for draining the

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, and All Section 20, in Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida,

with the understanding that the drainage work would be done by prison labor under the supervision of Florida State Farm No. 2. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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The Secretary requested authority to purchase an acreage atlas covering each of the counties of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach at an estimated cost of \$120.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize purchase of the maps requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Action was deferred until the next meeting on consideration of rules and regulations submitted by Mr. Elliot for administering the Veteran's Homestead Act—Chapter 22819 of 1945.



## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	2/20/46	36
Brevard	2/20/46	79
Clay	3/2/46	4
Dade	2/27/46	16
Dade	3/1/46	15
Dixie	3/4/46	2
Duval	2/7/46	106
Flagler	3/4/46	11
Martin	12/3/45	44
Pinellas	8/15/44	1
Polk	1/31/46	37
Sarasota	2/25/46	37
Taylor	3/1/46	4
Volusia	2/4/46	43
Wakulla	10/17/45	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Two applications were presented from Hillsborough County for release of state road right of ways in Deeds No. 954 and No. 1001, and the Secretary reported that the State Road Department had recommended release of the reservations in each application.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of ways:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 954 to Frank M. Cooper

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1001 to J. W. Bradley and wife Laurie Bradley.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Palmetto, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, of

Lots 9 and 10, Block 2, Jackson Factory Add.,  
Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East,  
Manatee County.

Certificate was filed showing that former ownership was in the City of Palmetto.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under said Chapter upon payment of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$35.00 was submitted from the Town of Archer, Florida, for conveyance of

Lots 21 and 22, Block H, Central Add to Archer,  
Alachua County,

to be used for health and welfare services of the community.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from the Town of Archer—which represents one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—and authorize execution of deed under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from the Army, Navy and U. S. Weather Bureau requesting permission to use for a period of three or four months a small lot in the Town of St. Cloud, Osceola County, described as

Lot 9, Block 327—St. Cloud,

on which the Bureau desires to locate a range gauge and equipment. The Government agrees to remove the property placed on the lot upon notice in the event sale is made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees allow the Federal Government to use the lots as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 2, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. Willard G. Smith, on behalf of Miss Mabell Smith, having hertofore offered \$350.00 for a tract of land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 27th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, pursuant to law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 2nd, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 51 "A" and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 52 "A", also the area lying between the extension of the East and West

exterior lot line of said Lots 51 "A" and 52 "A" to the dike, containing approximately one-half acre in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve sale of the lot to Mabell Smith at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon consideration of the following applications, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline the offers submitted:

Jim Boland, of Wacissa, Florida—Offer of \$3.00 an acre for SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 6 East—containing 40.08 acres in Jefferson County;

E. B. Savage of Ocala, Florida—Offer of \$2.50 an acre for SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, Township 14 South, Range 17 East,—containing 40 acres in Levy County;

Edgar G. Hamilton of West Palm Beach, Florida—Offer of \$5.00 an acre for W $\frac{1}{2}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 47 South, Range 41 East—containing 480 acres in Palm Beach County;

W. T. Maddox of LaBelle, Florida—Offer of \$5.00 an acre for Section 27, Township 47 South, Range 32 East, containing 640 acres in Hendry County; and

J. A. Franklin of Fort Myers, Florida—Offer of \$2,500.00 for that part of West Island lying north of the highway in Section 24, Township 44 South,



Range 22 East,—containing 55.58 acres in Lee County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the applications denied.

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Application was presented from E. M. Magaha, on behalf of W. A. Williams, for sand and shell lease in the Gulf waters near Estero Beach, Lee County, for which he offers to pay twenty cents (20¢) per cubic yard, or fifty cents (50¢) per load.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize one-year sand and shell lease in favor of W. A. Williams upon payment of 50 cents per load. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from A. M. Collins, on behalf of Ocala Manufacturing Ice & Packing Company, for extension of one year on Timber Lease No. 351 providing for removal of timber from

Lots 7 and 8 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 9, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Bradford County.

The Trustees having deferred action last week pending further information, Mr. Wells presented letter from Mr. Collins explaining that while he was in the service it was impossible to get the timber cut and since his return the labor situation has been such that very little timber has been taken out; that owing to high water the crew can work only a few months out of the year and he will be unable to cut the timber he has paid for by expiration of the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year on Lease No. 351 as requested by Mr. Collins. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that Walter and David Cooper, holders of a lease for taking sunken logs from the Suwannee River, had made no showing towards taking out timber under the lease and that he had notified lessees that unless some showing is made immediately he will recommend that the Trustees cancel the lease.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from Lamar Johnson of Lake Worth, Florida, for purchase of

30 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$150.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Mr. Wells reported that on March 5th the Trustees granted lease to Southern States Oil and Land Company, upon application from Jas. B. Hammond, but that the required payment had not been made to date.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Hammond be notified that unless payment was received by Thursday, April 11th, 1946, the action taken would be rescinded and lease cancelled. It was so ordered.

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Mr. Thomas L. Glenn, Jr. of Sarasota, Florida, appeared before the Board in connection with W. B. Harvard Mortgages No. 17542, No. 17543 and No. 17545 covering land in Sarasota County purchased by Mr. Harvard and Thomas L. Glenn, Sr. in 1925 at a price of \$40.00 an acre. Information was furnished that \$10.00 an acre cash was paid on the land but no further payments made; that in December 1931 Mr. Harvard abandoned his interest in favor of Mr. Glenn; that taxes have become delinquent on the land and tax certificates issued until the Trustees notified the Clerk to not issue certificates on the land under mortgage; that he and his father have attempted to clear up as much of the taxes as they could and now make request that the Trustees convey to him land equal to cash payment and allow him to purchase the remainder of the land under mortgage.

Mr. Wells reported that the title to the land is back in the State, the mortgages having been foreclosed.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Glenn be requested to submit the complete proposition in

writing and when received that it be referred to the Land Department and the Attorney General's office for recommendation to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Hudson Pulp & Paper Corp. (Southern Division) requesting that the Trustees give written consent to accompany application to the War Department for a permit to dredge a channel, construct sheet pile dock and raw water pump house and to cross Rice Creek with a pipe line, all to be used in connection with a paper mill to be located near Palatka.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees interpose no protest, provided the proposed pipe line crossing Rice Creek does not impair the navigable capacity of the creek as the same be provided for in War Department permit for such crossing.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the request from the Pulp Company be granted under the condition as recommended by Mr. Elliot. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

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The Secretary presented proposed rules and regulations in connection with Chapter 22860, Acts of 1945—Veteran's Homestead law.

Mr. Thomas L. Glenn, Jr. asked that consideration be given to cases similar to one in his county where a soldier applied to homestead forty (40) acres, part of which was owned by the State and the remainder by the County; that the law called for one application only from any veteran, and he wondered if there could be some way worked out to allow one application to cover the two classes of land.

Mr. Elliot was of the opinion that something could be worked out in cases of the kind referred to by Mr. Glenn.

Consideration was given to the different classes of land to be made available for homestead and other features of the act.

All of the members not having had opportunity to study the proposed rules and regulations, Mr. Watson

suggested that action be deferred one week, which was agreed to and so ordered.

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	3/9/46	10
Bradford	3/4/46	1
Clay	3/9/46	3
Dade	9/20/44	5
Dade	9/29/44	2
Dade	10/11/44	1
Dade	2/27/46	2
DeSoto	3/11/46	2
Duval	2/20/46	99
Hamilton	3/11/46	11
Hillsborough	2/25/46	42
Jefferson	3/11/46	7
Levy	3/4/46	2
Manatee	3/4/46	70
Marion	3/4/46	23
Martin	1/14/46	43
Pasco	3/4/46	11
Putnam	3/2/46	38
Santa Rosa	3/4/46	6
Sarasota	2/28/46	2
St. Lucie	3/4/46	84
Sumter	3/4/46	9
Volusia	3/4/46	122

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for Dade County correction deed to substitute name of grantee—Dade Developers,



Inc., for Fred W. Vanderpool, Receiver, said receivership having been terminated. Information was furnished that the Attorney General's office had approved correction requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of Dade County Deed No. 3594-Cor. to Dade Developers, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Two applications were presented for release of reservation for State road right of way—one in Bay County and one in Hillsborough County—accompanied by recommendation from the State Road Department that the reservations be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following deeds be executed, releasing road reservations as recommended by the Road Department:

Bay County Q.C. Deed No. 633—To E. E. Brewton

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 667—To Ben-  
nie Elmer Springer.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Attorney General Watson giving opinion on the subject of "superiority among various groups who may, under the provisions of Chapter 21684, 1943, acquire Murphy Act lands." The body of the opinion is as follows:

"I do not find in Chapter 21684 that any one of the several classes of applicants, who may apply for this type of land, may be given a preference over any other class of applicants, and it is my belief that, in the situation recited in your letter, the individual is entitled to a deed who under paragraph (1)(a) of the act became the successful bidder at a regular Murphy Act sale, although later a municipality made application under paragraph (1)(b) for the same land. The municipality, under Chapter 21684, has no higher rank or precedence which would justify the Trustees in rejecting the bid of the individual and conveying the property to the municipality which is the subsequent applicant.

"It is my opinion that these lands should be conveyed pursuant to Chapter 21684 to the first applicant who meets all the requirements of the law."

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that applications under Chapter 21684, 1943, be handled according to opinion from the Attorney General. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Manley P. Caldwell, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, asking that the Trustees consent to sale of the land heretofore withheld from sale and designated as a conservation area. Mr. Caldwell attached copy of letter from James A. Dew making application to purchase certain of these lands and representing that his clients own 4540 acres surrounding the conservation area.

Also letter was presented from Palm Beach County Resources Development Board—R. J. Blank, Manager—asking that the Trustees refrain from selling any of the land in the conservation area for the reason that the lands are submarginal and their highest and best use would be for water conservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees continue the present policy of not selling any land in the area in question until some official action is taken by Everglades Drainage District. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Letter was presented from Mr. Manley P. Caldwell, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, together with copy of deed used by the district in joint sale of Murphy Act lands. The letter was for the purpose of consulting the Trustees as to any objection they might have to change in the deed form eliminating the reservation for road easements, the purpose being that a general clause be substituted.

The Trustees were of the opinion that no action was necessary for this Board to take.

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The Secretary called attention to action of the Trustees March 19th, in connection with application from City of Tarpon Springs to purchase certain lots

within the city limits, the main use to be for veterans' homes.

After reviewing the former action, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Minutes of March 19, 1946, recite the motion as adopted and that the Trustees now agree on interpretation of the motion as follows, to-wit: That the Murphy Act deed contain a recital that for a period of six months preference will be given to veterans, thereafter land to be open for sale by the City without any such preference, and, further that the State deed require and recite that at the end of the six months period a resolution be adopted by the governing body of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to the effect that the City has pending no applications from veterans, which shall be conclusive evidence that the property may be sold without further preference. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following certificates, the opinion being that they evidence no title in the State under Chapter 18296, and that recommendation be made to the Comptroller that such certificates be cancelled:

#### BAY COUNTY

Ctf. No. 6994 1933

#### DUVAL COUNTY

Ctf. No. 12006 1931

32635 1933

#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Ctf. No. 12537 1927

40301 1933

12539 1927

40302 1933

12540 1927

40303 1933

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ctf. No. 1147 1933

#### SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Ctf. No. 116 1928

564C 1933

117	1928
102	1930
128	1932
565C	1933
118	1928
567C	1933
119	1928
103	1930
568C	1933

SARASOTA COUNTY

Ctf. No. 6743 1930

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 9, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Letter was presented from Mr. G. B. Knowles, offering \$100.00 an acre from clients, Mrs. Edith E. Bass, W. S. Elam and W. E. Crowson, for purchase of a small parcel of submerged land in Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, containing approximately one-fifth of an acre in Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for sale, subject to objections, based on offer of \$100 an acre. Upon vote



the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees deny request presented from South Florida Conservancy District for payment of taxes on land owned by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Belle Glade for the years 1941 to 1945, inclusive, interest and principal making a total of \$14,047.20. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Stanley S. Roberts of Homestead, Florida, offering \$30.00 an acre for land described as:

A 10-acre strip of sovereignty land lying 1320 feet North from Dade and Monroe County line on West side of Road No. 4-A, in Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for competitive bids and objections, based on offer from Mr. Roberts. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$300.00 was submitted from Gus M. Cole of Gasparilla, Florida, for 6000 feet of dredged material to be placed on his adjoining property in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, lying between Placida Harbor and State Road No. 173. It was explained that Mr. Cole desired to dredge a channel from Placida Harbor to his property and as the material is dredged to place it on his property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant Mr. Cole permission to place the dredged material up to 6000 cubic yards on his property upon payment of amount offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$18.00 an acre was submitted from Louis H. Alsmeyer for purchase of

Lots 4 and 5, less 1 acre, and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 212.87 acres in Highlands County.

Appraisal on this property having been placed at \$25.00 an acre, motion was made by Mr. Mayo to deny offer from Mr. Alsmeyer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than \$25.00 an acre on date of sale. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees employ a young engineer to assist him in his office, the engineering work having increased considerably the past few years. Only three members of the Board being present, action was deferred until the next meeting.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$10.00 from Stephen L. Smith for a small parcel of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in the

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 15  
West, Bay County on St. Andrews Bay,

and make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections provided he will bid not less than \$100.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for spoil areas in Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easements requested designated as follows:

No. MSA 434-B located in Sections 25, 36 and 31,  
Township 16 South, Range 33 East, and

No. MSA 435-A located in Unsurveyed Section 8,  
Township 17 South, Range 33 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easements ordered executed.

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Mr. Wells reported that some months ago J. T. Hancock by telegram raised bid of \$17.50 an acre made by J. R. Edwards to \$1000.00 for the 9.30 acres, but

after repeated notices he has not made the required cash payment or executed contract mailed to him.

Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Edwards has renewed his offer of \$17.50 an acre, land being in Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to again advertise the land for competitive bids based on the offer from Mr. Edwards. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of clients, for correction deeds made necessary due to error by surveyor in reporting number of Government lot in which the lands are situated, the said land being located in Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that deeds be issued to correct errors in the following numbered original deeds:

- No. 18990—To Kenneth A. Woods
  - No. 18991—To Ernest J. T. Coker
  - No. 18992—To Mamie E. Yates
  - No. 18997—To F. M. Mobley
  - No. 19098—To Irene Hall, widow
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Consideration was given to proposed rules and regulations submitted by the Secretary for handling applications by war veterans for acquiring land under Chapter 22860—Veterans' Homestead Act. Each member of the Board having been furnished a copy in advance of the meeting, discussion was had on several of the provisions, at the conclusion of which motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Rules and Regulations be adopted. Upon vote the motion was carried.

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#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of reports showing number of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in

all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	2/20/46	1
Alachua	3/25/46	10
Bay	3/30/46	6
Broward	2/18/46	214
Charlotte	3/11/46	14
Clay	3/16/46	4
Clay	3/23/46	2
Clay	3/30/46	6
Columbia	3/25/46	6
Dade	3/13/46	31
Dade	3/15/46	14
DeSoto	4/1/46	2
Escambia	3/18/46	10
Flagler	4/1/46	4
Hardee	2/4/46	3
Hendry	3/18/46	143
Hernando	3/18/46	8
Hillsborough	3/11/46	57
Holmes	3/15/46	1
Indian River	3/18/46	75
Jackson	3/25/46	4
Lake	3/11/46	70
Martin	2/25/46	88
Monroe	3/14/46	296
Nassau	3/11/46	18
Okaloosa	6/7/43	1
Okaloosa	9/13/43	1
Okaloosa	9/9/43	2
Okaloosa	12/6/43	1
Okaloosa	1/24/44	1
Okaloosa	7/29/44	1
Okaloosa	7/29/44	3
Palm Beach	3/8/46	116
Palm Beach	3/8/46	4
Polk	2/28/46	60
Sarasota	3/11/46	57
Seminole	3/11/46	47
Suwannee	3/11/46	5
St. Lucie	3/4/46	4



COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Taylor	3/11/46	3
Taylor	3/15/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the list of reports and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from City of Fort Meade, Polk County, for conveyance under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, of

Block 3 of J. N. & Mary R. Hooker Sub., Section 26, Township 31 South, Range 25 East, Polk County.

Certificate was filed with the Trustees showing former ownership by the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve conveyance of the land described under the provisions of Chapter 20424. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for deed to

Unnumbered Lot 36 feet wide, lying between Lots B and C of Wilson, Clarkson & Williams S/D Add to Blocks 7 and 8, James S/D River-side, Duval County.

The City desires the lot for protection of its sanitary and storm sewer works and to extend the street known as Bayard Place. No offer was made for the lot.

Without objection the request was referred to the Attorney General for opinion. It was so ordered.

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Request was presented for Bay County correction deed for the purpose of correcting first name of grantee from Emma Anderson to Minnie Anderson, Emma Anderson having been dead a number of years before issuance of deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute

Bay County Deed No. 831-Cor. to Minnie Anderson.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Application was presented for release of State road reservation in Hillsborough County Deed No. 3504.

The State Road Department having approved release of the reservation, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson that the following deed be executed:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3504 to I. R. Cobb.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Proposal was submitted from C. L. Leggett for exchange of land owned by him in Madison County for other land owned by the State, under the Murphy Act, in Taylor County.

Information was furnished that a subdivision known as Eridu is divided into lots and blocks and is located in Madison and Taylor Counties; that the Tax Assessor of Madison County assessed all the subdivision in his county for the years 1928 through 1943, and Mr. Leggett paid the taxes in Madison County on all the land except Block "L", which resulted in that part of Eridu lying in Taylor County coming to the State under the Murphy Act. Rather than go through the procedure of securing refund of the tax erroneously paid, Mr. Leggett requests that the Trustees exchange land with him.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize exchange under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, the State conveying to Mr Leggett

46 lots in Eridu, Section 20, Township 2 South, Range 6 East, Taylor County,

and accept deed from Mr. Leggett conveying approximately an equal amount of land in

S/D of Eridu in Section 17, Township 2 South,  
Range 6 East, Madison County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 16, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund  
met on this date in the office of the Governor at  
the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

Mr. Edgar G. Hamilton of West Palm Beach, Florida,  
presented offer of \$7.50 an acre for

W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 47 South,  
Range 41 East, containing 480 acres in Palm  
Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr.  
Lee, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised  
for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Hamilton.  
Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Comptroller Lee asked to be excused from further  
attendance at the meeting.

The Trustees on March 5th agreed to advertise for  
bids land applied for by Virgil Neisler, on behalf of  
John G. Herrin, and the following Notice was published  
in the Palm Beach Post March 17th, 24th, 31st, April  
7th and 14th, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections and to the highest bidder, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between the Old and New Dykes in Sections 4 and 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 100 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for bids and objections. There were no objections and the only bid received was from Mr. Herrin—\$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer and declare no sale made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the meeting February 26th, the Trustees ordered advertised for competitive bids land in Lee County applied for by L. W. Koch with offer of \$600.00. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Fort Myers News Press on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 2nd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale to the highest



bidder, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in LEE COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 15, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, on Porpoise Island, Lee County, containing approximately 3 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, two bidders competed, resulting in a high bid of \$1,000.00 being offered by Mr. Lawrence Truett on behalf of Mr. Koch.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that sale of the land be confirmed in favor of L. W. Koch at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees February 26th, on application from W. P. Fuller, on behalf of Stewart E. Cloete, with offer of \$100.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 2nd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

All the submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying between Government meander line and a line parallel to and 600 feet west thereof and between

the north and south boundary lines produced of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the following described tract of land in Government Lot 3, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, "Begin at a point 1562 feet north of SE corner of Government Lot 3, run W. 848 feet to Boca Ciega Bay; thence N 11 deg. 10' along said bay 495 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft., thence E 944 ft. to west line of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section; thence S 486 ft. to P.O.B. with riparian rights, all in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East," containing 3.35 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land having been advertised for objections and no objections filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees confirm sale to Mr. Cloete at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

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The Trustees having agreed to advertise for objections only Pinellas County land applied for by W. P. Fuller, on behalf of W. C. White, with offer of \$100.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, 1946:

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All that submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying between Government meander line and a line parallel to and 600 feet thereof and between the north and south boundary lines produced of the following described tract of land in Government Lot 2, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, "Beginning at a point 2706.25 feet north of the southeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, thence due West to the waters of Boca Ciega Bay, thence from the original point of beginning north 418.8 feet, thence due west to the waters of Boca Ciega Bay, all in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East," containing 5.75 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. White at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise for objections only land in Pinellas County applied for by Bussey, Mann, Simmons & Fielding, on behalf of Victor Chemical Works, with offer to pay \$60.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on March 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th and 14th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 14th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida,

Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, described as follows:

Commencing at the N. E. Corner of Govt. Lot 2, in Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, thence South 88 deg. 58 min. 06 sec. West 112 ft. Thence South 50 deg. 01 min. 18 sec. West 1260 ft. to stake on shore of Anclote River, for point of beginning. Thence South 50 deg. 01 min. 18 sec. West 400 ft., more or less to northerly side of Cut E of Anclote River channel. Thence North 42 deg. 47 min. West along said channel, 800 ft. Thence North 47 deg. 13 min. East 400 ft. Thence North 25 deg. 18 min. East 660 ft., more or less to a point on the shore of Anclote River, said point being on the east boundary line of Govt. Lot 1 in said Section 2. Thence southerly along said shore and following its meanderings to point of beginning. Above described parcel containing 11.6 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections having been filed or presented, the land was called out for sale, and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, the Trustees confirmed sale in favor of applicant at the price offered—\$60.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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On March 5th the Trustees acted on application from Giles F. Lewis with offer of \$300.00 an acre for land on Lake Conway, Orange County, and the following Notice was ordered advertised in the Orlando



Sentinel on March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 13th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in ORANGE COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the N. W. Cor. of Lot 7, Block "A" of Pleasure Island as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "F", Page 140, run N. 67° 07' W. along N. line of Lot 7 extended 95 ft. to the waters of Lake Conway, thence along waters edge S. 13° 41' W. 102.92 ft., thence East 98 ft. to S. W. Corner of Lot 6, thence N. 11° 56' E. 102.2 ft. to Point of Beginning, containing 0.221 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and no objections presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees authorize sale to Mr. Lewis at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting in the negative.

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On March 5th the Trustees authorized advertisement of Orange County land, applied for by C. Wayne Gray, on behalf of Mrs. Doris Thronstrom, with offer of \$300.00 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th, 1946:

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From a point 77.2 ft. East of N. W. Cor. of Lot 14 of Livingston's Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 33, Public Records of Orange County, Florida, run S.  $45^{\circ} 02\frac{1}{2}'$  E. 761.7 ft. to Point of Beginning; thence run N.  $38^{\circ} 22'$  E. 239.6 ft. thence N.  $71^{\circ} 52'$  E. 400 ft; thence S.  $42^{\circ} 45'$  E. 68 ft. to the waters of Lake Conway, thence S.  $47^{\circ} 15'$  W. 75 ft. thence S.  $75^{\circ} 15'$  W. 350 ft; thence S.  $39^{\circ} 02'$  W. 215.1 ft. to a point S.  $45^{\circ} 02\frac{1}{2}'$  E. from Point of Beginning, (the last 3 courses are along the waters of Lake Conway) thence N.  $45^{\circ} 02\frac{1}{2}'$  W. 65 ft. to the beginning, containing 0.678 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was offered for sale and no objections were filed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees approve sale of the land in favor of Mrs. Doris Thronstrom at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted. Mr. Watson voting No.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees February 26th, on application from Roger M. Skillman with offer of \$400.00 for parcel of land in Palm Beach County, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on March 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th and 14th, 1946:

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. April 16th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

Approximately one acre of unsurveyed land lying within the boundaries of Lot 26 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 25, Parcel "D", Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for receiving objections only, and no objections being presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Skillman at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

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Application was presented from Emil Zwicky of Bean City, Florida, offering \$150.00 an acre for land lying between the State Meander line and the United States Levee right of way, located in

Sections 4, 5 and 9, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 100 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, that the land be advertised for bids and objections based on offer from Mr. Zwicky. Motion seconded by Governor Caldwell, and upon vote adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Mrs. J. V. Keen, on behalf of Mr. J. F. Burket, presented offer of \$100.00 an acre for sovereignty land lying adjacent to upland property and being described as located

East of Lots H, I, J, K, L and M of Plat of Schutts  
Sub. of Government Lot 4, Section 1, Township  
39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Mr. Keen and Mr. Burket were present and explained that the area had been filled and cottages had been built on the property; also that Mr. Burket and associates had been paying taxes on the filled property for seven or eight years.

Information was also furnished that the area was originally mangrove swamp and had been filled in and improved by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a number of buildings erected thereon; also that an adjoining tract had been sold recently at a price of \$220.00 an acre.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Burket raised his offer to \$220.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees agree to accept the offer and advertise the land for objections only based on offer of \$220.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$2,000.00 was submitted from L. C. Yeomans for purchase of five small islands in Crystal River, described as:

Islands Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 9.90 acres in Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the islands for competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. Yeomans. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that lease had been prepared in favor of Sperti, Inc., for taking agar agar bearing weed from an area contained in application presented to the Trustees March 19th; that it provided for payment of \$5,000.00 covering the entire area, and the lease



would be mailed to Sperti, Inc. for examination pursuant to action of the Board March 19th.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the lease be approved and transmitted to the Company for examination. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$275.00 was presented from John Fite Robertson for purchase of

Lot 8, Block A, Granada, Sarasota County,

title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer and make counter proposal to advertise the lot for bids provided applicant will agree to offer not less than \$350.00 on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Attorney General Watson requested reconsideration of application from Mr. Kenneth Ballinger and Mr. A. Richardson for sand lease in Ochlockonee River, presented to the Trustees February 26, 1946. Mr. Watson explained that applicants desire an area that does not conflict with any other lease, for which they agree to pay ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard and a guaranteed minimum annual royalty of \$300.00 in advance. They want lease to carry a provision that the Trustees will not lease the same area to anyone else.

Governor Caldwell expressed the view that the minimum royalty payment should be boosted and also that he was not in favor of granting exclusive leases over large areas.

Mr. Wells reported that at the time of the application two other leases in the same territory were in the process of execution but since that time one had given up his rights.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees authorize five-year sand lease to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Ballinger covering the area requested, except where lease is outstanding, upon payment of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson suggested that the applicants be notified verbally that the Trustees will not make any other lease for the present on the area covered by their lease.

Governor Caldwell agreed that it would be satisfactory with him that the present policy of the Board be that leases will not be granted in an area already under lease, but would not be agreeable to making it a permanent policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees approve the following listed salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills and authorize the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen. ....	\$ 90.76
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	8.75
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee .....	1.50
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Dade County .....	3.90
W. J. Revels, Sheriff Putnam County .....	8.45
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale .....	6.25
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	25.22
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary .....	185.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Typist .....	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,457.73</b>

Financial Statements for the month of March, 1946, are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1946 .....	\$563,813.03
Receipts for the Month	
Land Sales .....	\$17,152.49
Land Sales—Chap. 14717—Dade County .....	430.00

Land Sales—Chap. 14572—		
Palm Beach County	41.05	
Sarasota County	1,135.40	1,176.45
Two Quit Claim Deeds to Oil & Mineral Reservations—Sarasota County—Chap. 14572		10.00
Quit Claim Deed on Contract No. 16341A	3.75	
Tax Refunds	419.70	
Refund Acct. Service Agreement, Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	.75	
Farm Leases	1,341.72	
Mineral Leases	93.75	
Timber Leases	2,541.61	
Sand & Shell Leases	177.47	
Grazing Leases	251.07	
Gas, Oil & Mineral Leases	750.00	
Land Sales, Sarasota Co—Chap. 14572 Oil & Mineral Reservation	15.00	
Sale of Earth & Rock—Contract No. 441	750.00	
Certified Copy Excerpt Trustees' Minutes	2.00	
Refund from T. C. Palm Beach Co. Account Overpayment Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes (U. S. Sugar Co. Owner)	73.94	
Refund Everglades Dr. Dist. Taxes—Palm Beach Co.	266.60	
TOTAL Receipts	\$25,456.30	25,456.30
TOTAL		\$589,269.33
Less Disbursements for the month of March, 1946		5,633.54
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 30, 1946		\$583,635.79

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
3-13-46	209208	Southeastern Telephone Co.	\$ 14.50
	209209	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	10.50
	209210	F. C. Elliot	16.06
	209211	Cecil T. Farrington, AAG	61.95

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	209212	Frank J. Heintz, AAG	66.45
	209213	S. S. Savage	43.86
3-16-46	212349	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	720.58
	212350	Ernest Overstreet, T. C.	960.86
3-20-46	214632	Treasurer U. S. A.	259.37
	214633	Bonnie Shelfer	96.36
3-23-46	216756	Paul Smith Construction Co.	341.75
3-30-46	226866	Bonnie G. Shelfer	132.30
	226868	F. C. Elliot	307.75
	226869	M. O. Barco	145.50
	226870	Jentye Dedge	204.40
	226871	J. B. Lee	19.00
	226872	W. B. Granger	47.50
	226873	Cyril Baldwin	202.20
	226874	A. C. Bridges	259.65
	226875	Julius F. Parker	433.40
	226876	Geraldine Davis	176.90
	228487	Comptroller of Florida	15.66
	230813	Lamar B. Dozier	25.00
	230814	Daily Democrat	55.20
	230815	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	12.50
	230816	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	230817	Treasurer U. S. A.	604.94
		5% Retirement Fund	51.00
		Withholding Tax	333.40
TOTAL			\$5,633.54

#### UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of March 1, 1946 \$61,159.89

#### RECEIPTS

Receipts —0—

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements —0—

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1946 \$61,159.89

#### U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE ACCOUNT

#### Receipts for the Month

1/4 Cost Geological Survey Co-operative Work \$2,500.00



## Disbursements for the Month

Disbursements .....	—0—
Balance as of March 31, 1946 .....	\$2,500.00

## UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of March 1, 1946 .....	\$102,466.23
Receipts for the Month .....	65,252.97
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$167,719.20</b>
Less Disbursements for the Month .....	51,845.64
<b>BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1946</b> .....	<b>\$115,873.56</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
3-9-46	206705	T. W. Brown, CCC .....	\$ 7.25
3-13-46	209205	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	184.24
3-23-46	216751	Paul Smith Construction Co. ....	341.75
3-30-46	226209	Ernest Hewitt .....	261.20
	226210	Helen Phillips .....	184.80
	226211	Mary Evans Voss .....	153.50
	226212	J. R. Roberts .....	174.40
	226213	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	226214	Jentye Dedge .....	28.00
	226215	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	226216	Mildred F. Scott .....	144.15
	226217	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	123.60
	228473	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Transfer to G. R. ....	50,000.00
	230773	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	2.90
	230774	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co. ....	40.00
	230775	Capital Office Equipment Co .....	2.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	22.20
		Withholding Tax .....	104.40
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....			<b>\$51,845.64</b>

## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of reports showing number of bids received for lands under

J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General

M/n/v

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the report be adopted as submitted. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Application was presented for cancellation of Certificate No. 594 of 1933, covering land in Washington County owned by the City of Chipley.

Mr. Elliot having reported that the Attorney General's office approved granting the request, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificate for the reason that it vested no title to the land in the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees approve the following listed salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills and authorize the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen.	\$ 68.93
The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	4.49
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	4.16
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records and Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	130.00

TOTAL \$1,345.08

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 23, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees March 26th allocating \$20,000.00 for drainage work on the following described land used by Florida State Farm No. 2 for growing of ramie:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16 and all Section 20, Township 43  
South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County,

motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Belle Glade Lumber Company, Inc.  
Belle Glade, Florida

Concrete Rock .....	\$191.70	
Concrete Sand .....	146.88	
Portland Cement .....	466.10	\$804.68

Boree Lumber Company  
Belle Glade, Florida

Lumber .....	172.43
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TOTAL .....	\$977.11
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Pursuant to action taken March 5 authorizing payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, the following bill was approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrant in payment therefor:

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector  
Palm Beach County  
West Palm Beach, Florida

To 1945 Everglades Drainage District taxes on W $\frac{3}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6, Twp. 44 S, Rge. 43 E .....	\$9.69
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J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General

M/n/v

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the report be adopted as submitted. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Application was presented for cancellation of Certificate No. 594 of 1933, covering land in Washington County owned by the City of Chipley.

Mr. Elliot having reported that the Attorney General's office approved granting the request, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificate for the reason that it vested no title to the land in the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees approve the following listed salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills and authorize the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

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**TOTAL** \$1,345.08

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.



Tallahassee, Florida,  
April 23, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector

Palm Beach County

West Palm Beach, Florida

To 1945 Everglades Drainage District taxes on W $\frac{3}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6, Twp. 44 S, Rge. 43 E .....	\$9.69
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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 15, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Minutes of the Trustees dated March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th and 16th, 1946, be approved as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Cummer Sons Cypress Company for five-year lease to remove dead head logs in the Suwannee River and its navigable tributaries, from Branford south to the mouth of the river, through Suwannee, Lafayette, Gilchrist, Dixie and Levy Counties. The Company offers to pay the Trustees \$10.00 per thousand, Doyle Log Scale, for the logs removed and agrees to defend their right to take them from the river, will save the State harmless against any claim by other parties and agrees to remove not less than \$500.00 worth of timber per year.

The Trustees were not agreeable to authorizing lease on the basis of \$10.00 per thousand, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees make counter proposal to execute lease on the basis of \$12.50 per thousand feet with provision for annual payment of not less than

\$500.00, and the further provision that the Company will save the Trustees harmless against claims from other parties to logs in the bed of the river. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. R. C. Bowers, representing Cummer Sons Cypress Company, asked that he be given a few days to contact his company and the Board agreed to hold the matter open until Tuesday, May 21st.

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William J. Bulloch of Monticello, Florida, submitted application to purchase or lease two islands commonly known as Rock Island, approximately one mile offshore from the mainland and two and one-half (2½) miles West of the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County, containing 10 acres.

The Trustees were not in favor of selling the two parcels, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year non-exclusive lease upon payment of \$10.00 annually, it being understood that the area will not be posted, and lessee to have privilege of renewal on terms to be agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Action of the Trustees on February 26, 1946, was reconsidered based on new application from J. Kenneth Ballinger on behalf of A. R. Richardson. Proposal submitted was for lease covering the bed of Ochlockonee River between high water lines from the township line between Townships 1 and 2 North, Range 2 West, northeasterly to the Florida-Georgia State line, being approximately 15 miles, with minimum royalty payment of \$300.00 annually in advance to be applied against total payment at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard, and the filing of \$1,000.00 bond as guarantee of performance. Applicant requests that the non-exclusive clause be eliminated and agrees to have as a part of the lease an exception of the one-mile area under lease to H. W. Grimsley so long as said lease remains current.

Upon discussion of the application, the Trustees were not agreeable to eliminating the non-exclusive clause but indicated that so long as price of the material

was not exorbitant there would be no disposition on the part of the Board to grant other leases in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize five-year non-exclusive lease in favor of Mr. Richardson over the area described and upon terms and conditions as outlined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker and Mr. Wells were requested to work out a lease which would be suitable and carry out the provisions as discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following applications be denied, the appraised value in each case being in excess of the offers made:

T. T. Turnbull, on behalf of Stevens & Company of Mobile, Alabama, permit to dredge shell in Choctawhatchee Bay, in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, and East Bay in Bay County, under terms as existing Lease No. 353 in another area; Southern States Oil and Land Company offers to pay \$100.00 an acre for approximately 76 acres of land created by Government dredging marsh and tidal flats at what is known as Camp Belle, Carrabelle, Franklin County;

Dr. J. N. Gilbert offers \$1565.00 or an average of \$22.25 an acre for Lots 2, 3 and 4, Section 32, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 70.31 acres in Highlands County;

W. A. Bishop of Palmetto, Florida, offers \$30.00 an acre for purchase of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, containing 40 acres in Manatee County;

Dave King, City Manager of Key West, Florida, on behalf of City Commissioners, offers \$6.00 an acre for bay bottom lands within the confines of Garrison Bight, located adjacent to Roosevelt Drive in Key West, Monroe County;

Barton & Barton of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of Wilson M. Hubbard, offers to pay \$75.00 an acre for 8.26 acres of submerged land known as Daisy Key Reef, Boca Ceiga Bay,



located in Section 18, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

W. R. Kenoyer of St. Petersburg, Florida, offers \$82.50 an acre for 10 acres of tidal land in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hornecker offer \$300.00 for approximately 5 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 12, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

Williams and Dart, Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of Karl Bickel, offer \$75.00 for 0.5 of an acre of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, Sarasota County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

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Request was presented from R. M. Zimmerman of Miami, Florida, that the Trustees increase the acreage in lease granted him March 5th, to fifty acres, as the reef on which he will operate comprises 50 acres and the Coast Guard will mark off the entire area as dangerous to navigation. The lease granted March 5th involved 10 acres in Monroe County, southeast of Garden Cove on Key Largo at an annual rental of \$2.00 per acre, to be non-commercial and for experimental purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees defer action and that the request be referred to the Conservation Department for report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$150.00 an acre was submitted from G. M. Simmons of Titusville for purchase of submerged areas in Indian River facing upland lots owned by applicants in Titusville, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees have the land appraised before taking action on the application. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Southern States Oil and Land Company for permit to search for and remove precious metals and stones and non-ferrous metals from the under-water areas in Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor Counties. The Company offers \$100.00 annually for said permit and 12½ per cent royalty on recoveries.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Southern States Oil and Land Company and execute lease for one year at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from T. T. Turnbull, on behalf of Ashley Johnson, for ten-year lease on submerged river bottoms adjacent to upland property of the State Road Department located near the Ochlockonee Bay bridge on State Road No. 10 in Franklin County. Area applied for comprises a parcel 50 feet by 20 feet on which to locate a wharf, and applicant offers to pay \$100.00 annually with option to renew. Lease from the Trustees will be contingent upon receiving lease from the State Road Department.

Action on the application was deferred pending information from the State Road Department as to whether that agency would have any objection to such lease from the State, the Trustees indicating that they would be agreeable to executing lease provided there were no objections. It was so ordered.

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Request was presented from J. Ben Fuqua, representing Bradenton Dredging Company, for extension of Shell Lease No. 61 to include the water bottoms between the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Airline railroad bridges and they offer to increase the minimum monthly payments from \$10.00 to \$20.00, the lease to be for a period of five years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve extension of Lease No. 61 for a period of five years, including the additional area and requiring minimum monthly payment of \$20.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized.

Application was presented from Clifford A. Payne of Jacksonville, Florida, offering \$100.00 for an area of tidal marsh land adjacent to Section 47, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, and bordering the St. Johns River, Duval County. It was estimated that the tract comprises between twenty and thirty acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees decline offer submitted and make counter proposal to accept \$150.00 subject to advertisement for objections. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

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Request was presented from W. H. and Juanita E. Powell for permission from the Trustees to assign Fishing Camp Lease No. 431 to William C. Blackwell, said lease covering a small tract of land adjoining the Overseas Highway in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant permission for assignment of the lease as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees had a number of mortgages, delinquent in payments for many years, and unless the drainage taxes were paid up and certificates redeemed, the land would revert to Everglades Drainage District; that he had taken the matter up with the District and it had agreed to withhold action until consideration could be given by the Trustees.

Upon discussion of the number of mortgages now delinquent, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that all such mortgages be turned over to Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for the Trustees, with request that they be foreclosed as soon as possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was also made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize payment of delinquent taxes and redemption of tax certificates on lands covered by delinquent mortgages. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells presented Notice of land advertised for sale on May 7th, pursuant to action of the Trustees

March 19th on application from J. H. Anderson to purchase Lafayette County land. Land was advertised in the Free Press, Mayo, Florida, on March 28th, April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 1946, as follows, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date, confirmation was deferred until this date:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 25th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 7th, 1946, for lands in LAFAYETTE COUNTY, described as follows:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 7, Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Anderson being the only bid received for the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Land in Sumter County was ordered advertised March 19, 1946, pursuant to application from G. D. Bridges, Sr. with offer of \$10.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Wildwood Echo on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 1946, for sale on May 7th, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date, action was deferred:



## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 23rd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 7th, 1946, for lands in SUMTER COUNTY, described as follows:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2;

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, all in Township 19 South, Range 21 East, containing 200 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells reported that when bids were called for May 7th, Mr. W. H. McKinney was present and stated that he had received a Murphy Act deed from the Trustees covering all except 80 acres of the land advertised and asked that Mr. Bridges withdraw his bid on all the land except the 80 acres and allow him, McKinney, to take title. Mr. Bridges declined to do that and the only bid received was \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Bridges.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Bridges and confirm sale in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells presented Dade County sale advertised for May 7th, based on application from C. C. Ansley on behalf of The Sussex Company, Inc. On March 19th, 1946, the Trustees ordered the land advertised for competitive bids with an offer of \$50.00 an acre and the

following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 22nd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 7th, 1946, for lands in DADE COUNTY, described as follows:

Excess Lot 6, between Townships 53/54 South, Range 40 East, containing 329.30 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

A quorum not being present May 7th, bids were received on that date and action deferred until this meeting. The highest bid recorded was \$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of The Sussex Company, Inc. at the price offered—\$50.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 19, 1946, on application from J. V. Keen, on behalf of Elmer E. Whittle, with offer of \$300.00 per acre, the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 22nd, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida,

Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 7th, 1946, for lands in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

Begin at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block "F" of Central Broadway as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 17, Public Records of Sarasota County, thence North 300 feet; thence West 952.88 feet; thence South 275 feet; thence East 200.2 feet; thence South 25 feet; thence East 752.68 feet to the point of beginning, being in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, containing 6.4 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Objections to the sale were filed by Mabry, Reeves, Carlton, Anderson and Fields, on behalf of W. B. Hamilton, claiming to be upland owners of considerable of the property adjacent to the submerged areas.

A quorum of the Trustees not being present on date advertised for the sale—May 7th—action was postponed until this date.

Pending consideration of the objections, action was deferred on Sarasota County sale.

Request was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for easement through land in Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement covering areas designated as follows:

MSA Du-4 Located in N $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of unsurveyed Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, containing 35 acres, more or less;

MSA 114-A All of those portions of the present and former bottom of Pablo Creek which lie within an area of submerged or semi-submerged land in unsurveyed Section 7, Township 3 South, Range 29 East, containing 54 acres, more or less.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from William D. Jones, Jr., on behalf of Indian Creek Country Club, Inc., offering \$1,000.00 an acre for the purchase of

2.89 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Information was furnished that the Club did not intend filling or improving the area but desired to retain it in its natural state and would have no objection to having it so stated in the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections based on offer from Indian Creek Country Club, Inc., sale to be made conditioned that the land remain in its natural state. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

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Offer of \$6.50 an acre was presented from Lewis H. Hill, Jr., on behalf of A. C. Frizzell, for purchase of the following described land:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, containing 40 acres in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for bids based on offer from Mr. Frizzell. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from J. A. Franklin, on behalf of A. L. Crow, offering \$75.00 an acre for the following described land in Lee County:

55.58 acres lying North of the Highway on Pine Island fill known as West Island and located in



NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bidding based on offer from Mr. Crow. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from S. J. Davis for five-year extension of Grazing Lease No. 214 covering land in Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to extend Lease No. 214 as requested by Mr. Davis. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Henry S. Baynard, Attorney for the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida, for authority to dredge in Boca Ceiga Bay in an area located 200 feet East of and parallel to the seawall along Pass-a-Grille Way in the town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, lying between Mud and Shell Key and west of Cabbage Key. It was explained that the fill material would be used for public purposes and the City asked that no charge be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the Town of Pass-a-Grille to remove the necessary fill material for the price of \$5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from E. B. Savage for

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, Township 14 South, Range 17 East, containing 40 acres in Levy County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based upon offer from Mr. Savage. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to pay South Florida Conservancy District taxes on lands owned by the State Board of Education and used by the Everglades Experiment Station. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way easement over Lake Okeechobee bottom lands in

Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Right of way was desired for use in connection with new bridge approaches on State Road No. 194 and for borrow pit purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of the Road Department and authorize easement executed. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for borrow pit purposes across land described as,

Lying in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Request was presented from C. H. Bourke Floyd, on behalf of Lee Brothers, for assignment of Timber Lease No. 391 issued to L. A. Smith November 29, 1944, for a period of five years, said lease providing for removal of dead head timber from Apalachicola River and its tributaries in Franklin, Gulf, Calhoun and Liberty Counties at a price of \$5.00 per thousand feet.

Mr. Wells reported that Mr. Smith has done no work under his lease, has sold his sawmill to Lee Brothers and now desires to assign his lease to them.

Under the circumstances the Trustees were not willing to assign the lease without some assurance of work being done, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to assignment of the lease conditioned that assignee will agree to pay a minimum monthly royalty of \$20.00 and deposit surety bond in amount of \$1,000.00 assuring faithful performance. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Julius F. Parker, Attorney for Trustees, reported as to progress in Fort Pierce Financing & Con-

tracting Company's suit involving title to submerged or sovereignty land in St. Lucie County.

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Mr. Elliot reported that bids were received on May 7th, for land under Chapter 14572, and confirmation held until this date; that the highest bid received was \$525.40 from J. B. and Neta Owens pursuant to the following advertisement published April 16th, 23rd and 30th, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 12, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 7, 1946, for land in HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, described as follows:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, containing 10 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

One other bid—\$102.50, was received from Stacy Adams of Tampa.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of J. B. and Neta Owens at the price of \$525.40. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from J. Douglas Arnest offering \$5.00 per lot for release of phosphate, mineral and metal reservations contained in Deed No. 58-30 Sarasota County, to Sarasota Dairy & Produce Company, dated April 23rd, 1938, conveying

Lots 15 and 16, Block 11, Sarasota Beach,

title to which land vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of the reservations as requested at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$25.00 was presented from Thad Whidden on behalf of J. J. Chastain for purchase of Palm Beach County land, being

That part of Lots 16 and 16-B covered by Everglades Tax Certificates 251 and 261 of 1929.

It was explained that Mr. Chastain was former owner of the property and has been paying taxes thereon for several years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land applied for at the price offered by Mr. Chastain. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from B. Bakerin with offer of \$100.00 for land, title to which vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14717—the Everglades Act—described as:

1 Acre in Government Lot 7, Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County—

Tax Ctf. No. 2479 of 1929.

The Secretary explained that he would recommend the sale of the parcel at the price offered provided applicant would purchase at the same price a small area north of the land applied for and covered by the same certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the sale of both tracts at the price of \$100.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$350.00 was submitted from W. B. Heidt for purchase of the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—the Everglades Act:



Lots 1 to 28, both inclusive, Block 1

Lots 1 to 26, both inclusive, and Lot 28, Block 2  
Power Park in Section 25, Township 50 South,  
Range 41 East, Broward County.

Information was furnished that Broward Drainage District and other taxes will amount to approximately \$270.00, making the total cost \$620.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lots described to Mr. Heidt at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Robert A. Pfliegel of Deerfield, Florida, offering \$30.00 an acre for the following described land, title to which vested in the Trustees under the Everglades Act—Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 42 East, containing 134 1-3 acres in Broward County.

The offer being in line with appraised value, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer of \$30.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary called attention to resolution adopted by the Trustees January 29, 1946, rescinding former resolution dated October 25, 1932, which authorized Bond Trustees of Road and Bridge District No. 1, Alachua County, Florida, to use a certain area of State land on Lake Santa Fe for public purposes. Action taken January 29th was to grant permission to Alachua County Commissioners to make disposition of buildings on the premises described; that information has since been received that the County Commissioners are without authority in the premises and request is made that the Sheriff of Alachua County be empowered and directed to have the buildings removed.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Field Agent be requested to make examination of the prem-

ises and report his findings before action is taken.  
Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Financial Statements for the month of April 1946,  
are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of April 1, 1946 ..... \$583,635.79

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales .....	\$27,094.23
Farm Leases .....	1,070.63
Mineral Lease .....	18.75
Timber Leases .....	1,893.66
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases .....	992.33
Grazing Leases .....	330.22
Seaweed Lease .....	1.59
Interest on Contract No. 19067	54.42
Interest on Contract No. 18520	5.44

59.86

Tax Refunds for 1941 thru 1945 .....	4,656.32
Permit to Dredge .....	225.00
Dredged Material from Lake Harris .....	130.13
License to Explore for Precious Metals and Stones .....	75.00
Refund by T.C. Dade County, over- payment Delinquent Taxes .....	1.99
Tax Refund by C.C.C. Dade County on Properties Reverted to Ever- glades Drainage District .....	6.47
Warrant No. 101775 to L. C. Kick- liter, T.C. Martin County, re- turned & restored a/c Taxes on I I Land paid by Purchaser .....	27.52

Total Receipts for the month of April, 1946 .....	\$36,583.70	36,583.70
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TOTAL .....	\$620,219.49
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Less Disbursements for the month of April, 1946 .....	3,444.63
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BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1946 .....	\$616,774.86
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## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
4-23-46	247154	Belle Glade Lumber Co. ....	\$ 804.68
	247155	Boree Lumber Co. ....	172.43
	247156	Lamar Warren, AAG ....	90.76
	247157	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	8.75
	247158	Rose Printing Co. ....	1.50
	247159	E. B. Leatherman, CCC ....	3.90
	247160	W. J. Revels, Sheriff ....	8.45
	247161	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News ...	6.25
	247162	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C. ....	9.69
4-30-46	257502	F. C. Elliot ....	307.75
	257503	M. O. Barco ....	145.50
	257504	Jentye Dedge ....	204.40
	257505	J. B. Lee ....	19.00
	257506	W. B. Granger ....	47.50
	257507	Cyril Baldwin ....	202.20
	257508	A. C. Bridges ....	259.65
	257509	Julius Parker ....	433.40
	257510	Geraldine Davis ....	176.90
	257511	Bonnie G. Shelfer ....	132.30
	259352	Comptroller of Florida ....	25.22
		5% Retirement Fund ....	51.00
		Withholding Tax ....	333.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
APRIL, 1946 ..... \$3,444.63

## UNDER CHAPTER 20667

Balance as of April 1, 1946 .....	\$61,159.89
Receipts .....	—0—
Disbursements .....	—0—
BALANCE as of April 30, 1946 .....	\$61,159.89

## U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1946 .....	\$ 2,500.00
Receipts .....	—0—
Disbursements .....	—0—
Balance as of April 30, 1946 .....	\$ 2,500.00

## UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of April 1, 1946 .....	\$115,873.56
Gross Receipts for the month .....	\$76,200.75
Less the following returned checks —from deposit No. 297	
Drawer                  Drawee	
Leron W. Rice    63-132	
Not sufficient funds \$	10.00
Leron W. Rice    63-132	
Not sufficient funds	20.00
Leron W. Rice    63-132	
Not sufficient funds	138.00
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	\$168.00                  168.00
Net Receipts for the month .....	\$76,032.75    76,032.75
TOTAL .....	\$191,906.31
Less Disbursements for the month .....	101,345.08
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BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1946 .....	\$ 90,561.23

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Number	Payee	Amount
4-23-46	247077	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	\$ 68.93
	247078	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	4.49
	247079	The H & W B Drew Co. ....	4.16
4-30-46	257489	Ernest Hewitt .....	261.20
	257490	Helen Phillips .....	184.80
	257491	Mary Evans Voss .....	153.50
	257492	J. R. Roberts .....	174.70
	257493	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	257494	Jentye Dedge .....	28.00
	257495	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	257496	Mildred F. Scott .....	144.15
	257497	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	123.60
	259292	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—Transfer to G. R. ....	100,000.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	22.20
		Withholding Tax .....	104.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1946 .....	\$101,345.08
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## SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of reports showing bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that said bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bradford	4/29/46	1
Brevard	4/8/46	75
Charlotte	4/8/46	70
Citrus	2/25/46	5
Citrus	3/25/46	10
Citrus	3/29/46	7
Citrus	4/16/46	14
Clay	4/13/46	10
Clay	4/20/46	5
Clay	4/27/46	2
Clay	5/4/46	2
Columbia	4/15/46	2
Dade	4/5/46	36
Dade	4/10/46	149
Dade	4/19/46	21
Dade	4/24/46	53
DeSoto	4/15/46	1
DeSoto	4/23/46	2
Dixie	4/29/46	1
Duval	5/24/45	1
Duval	2/20/46	1
Duval	3/14/46	96
Escambia	4/30/46	7
Franklin	2/4/46	1
Franklin	3/11/46	6
Franklin	4/8/46	5
Gadsden	4/16/46	1
Gadsden	4/23/46	1
Gadsden	4/29/46	1
Hamilton	4/8/46	4
Hamilton	4/22/46	3
Hendry	5/6/46	8
Hernando	4/15/46	4
Hillsborough	3/25/46	1
Hillsborough	4/8/46	60
Hillsborough	4/29/46	43

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Hillsborough	4/22/46	37
Holmes	4/8/46	2
Holmes	4/22/46	1
Indian River	4/15/46	53
Jefferson	4/8/46	5
Lake	4/8/46	54
Lee	3/21/46	127
Manatee	4/1/46	47
Martin	1/14/46	1
Martin	3/25/46	63
Martin	3/28/46	1
Martin	4/1/46	2
Nassau	4/22/46	3
Okeechobee	4/15/46	11
Orange	3/4/46	1
Orange	4/1/46	62
Orange	4/10/46	1
Palm Beach	4/5/46	54
Palm Beach	4/5/46	5
Pasco	4/1/46	48
Pinellas	5/29/45	4
Pinellas	6/26/45	4
Pinellas	7/17/45	8
Pinellas	9/18/45	2
Pinellas	10/16/45	14
Pinellas	12/18/45	12
Pinellas	1/2/46	1
Pinellas	2/5/46	164
Pinellas	4/23/46	1
Polk	1/31/46	1
Putnam	4/6/46	78
Putnam	5/4/46	61
Sarasota	4/8/46	18
Sarasota	4/22/46	37
Sarasota	4/26/46	22
Sarasota	4/29/46	31
Santa Rosa	4/1/46	14
Seminole	4/8/46	109
St. Johns	3/20/46	36
St. Lucie	4/1/46	277
Sumter	4/22/46	29
Suwannee	4/8/46	3
Taylor	3/29/46	1

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Taylor	4/19/46	2
Volusia	4/1/46	83
Volusia	4/8/46	7
Volusia	4/16/46	107
Wakulla	2/14/46	2
Washington	3/15/46	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the list of reports and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot having reported increase in the Murphy Act work and the necessity for additional help, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that he be given authority to employ an additional clerk to assist in his office. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was made for approval of conveyance under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, of a large number of lots in the following designated areas:

Fairhaven Subdivision  
 Dixie Park Heights  
 Redland Bowers, and in  
 Section 35, Township 56 South, Range 38 East,  
 Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East,  
 Section 20, Township 56 South, Range 39 East,  
 Section 29, Township 54 South, Range 41 East,  
 All in Dade County, Florida.

The Secretary explained that title to the land vested in the Trustees under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931—the Everglades Act—and there were Murphy Act certificates against the property; that conveyance under the above chapter would merge title in one agency—Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve conveyance of the

land described under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented for authority to issue correction deeds covering land in Dade, Duval, Hillsborough and Putnam Counties. Information was furnished that the applications had been examined and approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following correction deeds be executed and delivered:

Dade County Deed No. 3825-EDDJ-COR.—To Martha D. Cunnyingham, W. T. Cunnyingham, C. M. Cunnyingham, G. C. Cunnyingham and W. W. Cunnyingham; to correct spelling of last name;

Duval County Deed No. 2952-COR.—To Annie Bork—To correct name of subdivision in description;

Hillsborough County Deed No. 3737-COR.—To Robert Hendry and Orlando Hendry. To change name of grantee;

Putnam County Deed No. 1582-COR.—To R. W. Grabhorn and Walter D. Clark—To change name of grantee.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

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The Secretary reported that five applications had been received for release of State Road right of way reservations in deeds issued under the Murphy Act and that the State Road Department had agreed to release right of way in each instance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing the road reservation:

Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 750—To William M. Stinson



Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 751—To William M. Stinson

Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 1099—To William M. Stinson

Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 1256—To William M. Stinson

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1576—To Nelson T. Jones and Mildred Jones

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3329—To W. L. Teague

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3563—To W. L. Teague

Orange County Q.C. Deed No. 1102—To Fred L. Hall

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 1530—To William D. Fleming and Ida L. Fleming.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted for deed from the Trustees to Katherine T. Cox for conveying land in Hillsborough County described as:

W $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Township 27 South, Range 18 East.

The Secretary explained that the land was certified to the State under the Murphy Act and deed issued to J. M. Palmer. It later developed that the taxes had been paid on the land continuously by Katherine T. Cox, but owing to double assessment it came to the State under the Murphy Act; that Mr. Palmer conveyed the land back to the State and it is now in order to issue quitclaim deed to the owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that quitclaim deed be issued to Katherine T. Cox as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees deny application from City of Homestead for conveyance of lots in Dade County, within the city limits, to be used as homesites for

veterans of World War II, and suggested that an offer be made in line with other sales. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary reported the following transfer to General Revenue from funds under Chapter 18296 for April, 1946:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$100,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
May 21, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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A delegation composed of Luther Jones, R. L. Brad-dock and R. Y. Creech, representing approximately twenty (20) owners of land on Kraemer, Torry and Ritta Islands in Lake Okeechobee, designated as Islands Improvement Association, came before the Trustees with request for assistance in providing dykes around these islands. Written statement was submitted out-

lining the plans of the association substantially as follows:

Owners of several hundred thousand acres of land contiguous to Hillsboro and West Palm Beach Canals have requested Everglades Drainage District to organize improvement districts for making those canals effective in flood and water control; only lands to be improved will be taxed; United States Engineers have held hearings to investigate the feasibility of the plans and the advisability of participation by the Federal Government; approximately 1500 acres of high land on the islands are useless at a lake level of 15.5 to 17 feet; since building of the Federal dyke tillable seasons have been so short crops could not be expected; in order to carry on the outside work proposed, the United States Engineers and the engineers of the land owners have agreed that a dyke will enable owners to use these lands but the cost of such dykes will be prohibitive for land owners alone. The association believes a favorable report will be submitted on the basis of the owner, the State and Federal Government cooperating in construction of the dyke. The State is requested to join the owners and the Federal Government by selling State lands between the meander line and the line of the proposed dyke to highland owners individually (at a price of \$50.00 an acre) and to contribute monies received from these sales, or as much as is necessary to insure an equitable contribution on the part of the State. In order to insure financial participation by land owners, Mr. Manley Caldwell has been engaged in forming drainage districts on each of Kraemer, Torry and Ritta Islands for the purpose of producing money. Participation by the Federal Government will be affected greatly by favorable attitude of the State of Florida.

Letter was presented from Mr. Lamar Johnson, Engineer for Everglades Drainage District, stating that the District supported the general proposal and was sympathetic with the objective of this group's proposal.

The subject was discussed and it was ascertained that about 1350 acres of State land would be available for sale to the island owners. Inquiry was made as to the cost of the proposed dykes but a figure could not be given as an estimate had not been made. Governor Caldwell remarked that he was favorable to the plan but would like to have some assurance that the Federal Government would take the matter up and go forward with it to completion, which view was concurred in by Mr. Larson and Mr. Watson.

Mr. Hilsabeck, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, remarked that the Federal Government would like to know that the Trustees are agreeable to participating in the proposed plan before going ahead with the work of making estimates.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that assurance be given that the State will go along with the proposed plan provided there will be no conveyance of land until the State has assurance from the Federal Government that it will complete the work and the further assurance that proceeds from the sale of State land will be sufficient, together with contributions from other sources, to complete the project. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

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The Trustees on April 9th agreed to advertise land in Highlands County for sale based on offer of \$25.00 an acre from Louis H. Alsmeyer and the following Notice was published in the Avon Park Sun on April 20, 27, May 4, 11 and 18, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 21st, 1946, the following described lands in HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

Lots 4 and 5, less one acre, and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 212.87 acres.



The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon description of the land being called out, no other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Alsmeyer, sale to be subject to lease in favor of Aaron and Driggers expiring October 24, 1948. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon application from D. P. McKenzie with offer of \$5.00 an acre for Levy County land, the Trustees ordered the parcel advertised for bids and the following Notice was published in the Bronson Journal on April 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 9th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 21st, 1946, for lands in LEVY COUNTY, described as follows:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, containing 80 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer received was \$5.00 an acre from Mr. McKenzie on behalf of M. and M. Turpentine Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer from M. and M. Turpentine Company for the land advertised. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. D. P. McKenzie, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, requested that the Trustees refund the amount of \$3,446.20 charged by the Trustees for handling the sale of Levy County land October 1, 1945, of lands, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Mr. Elliot explained the procedure followed in sale of land under Chapter 14572 and stated that the charge referred to was not for handling the sale alone but was the basis arrived at by the Trustees several years ago as the approximate cost of administering these lands over a period of ten or more years; that in the instant case the County received 86.73% and the State 13.27%; that owing to the volume of business done by the Trustees during the past several years the percentage of costs had decreased but no change had been made in the policy of handling sales.

Upon discussion of the request, Mr. Larson was in favor of refunding the entire charge made by the Trustees in the sale but the Governor and Mr. Watson felt that the Trustees should receive costs for handling the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by the Governor, that the Trustees refund to Levy County the difference between the 10% and the .056—\$1,315.11. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees had authorized advertisement of Dade County land applied for by Stanley S. Roberts with offer of \$30.00 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on April 20, 27, May 4, 11 and 18, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 17th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida,

Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections and for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. May 21st, 1946, the following described land in DADE COUNTY:

A 10 acre strip of sovereignty land which lies 1320 feet North from the Dade and Monroe County line on the West side of Road No. 4-A, Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 39 East. The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Question was raised as to whether or not the parcel was located within the proposed Everglades National Park area and it was announced that bids would be accepted subject to ascertaining whether or not the land was in the park boundaries.

Upon the land being called out for sale, Mrs. Stanley S. Roberts and Mr. Valentin Gantimuroff competed in bidding, resulting in the highest offer being made by Mr. Gantimuroff—\$1,200.00 for the parcel containing approximately 10 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of \$1,200.00 from Mr. Gantimuroff for the land described, subject to determination as to its location with reference to Everglades National Park. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson's vote being recorded in the negative.

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Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$50.00 an acre from Chester C. Irving for the submerged land surrounding Coon Key or Government Lot 3 in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County, the land having been appraised at a higher value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Roux H. Smith, on behalf of property owners of Block 3, Mitchell's Beach Subdivision of Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, to purchase approximately one (1) acre of sovereignty land West of Block 3 at a price of \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer from Mr. Smith. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Watson voting No.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

#### Treasurer of the United States

One half cost of work performed by U. S.

Geological Survey .....	\$ 2,108.95
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary .....	425.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	233.00
J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk .....	82.24
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary .....	185.00
Board of County Commissioners Levy County .....	1,315.11
Comptroller, State of Florida .....	32.86
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee .....	10.65
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee .....	444.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee .....	18.00
W. A. Wynne, Clerk Circuit Court, Sarasota County .....	23.65
Railway Express Co., Tallahassee .....	.71
Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co., Miami .....	76.50
Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I. ....	25.26
Parker & Foster, Tallahassee .....	7.35
Bert R. Broadwell, c/o Sinclair Wells .....	6.25
Palm Beach Publishing Co., West Palm Beach ..	13.75



J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee .....	15.00
The Review Printing Co., Miami .....	56.25
<b>Bills for Belle Glade Farm Drainage Work</b>	
J. I. Freedlund, Belle Glade .....	402.70
Glades Appliance Corporation, Belle Glade .....	278.99
Couch Manufacturing Co., Grant, Florida .....	3,195.00
Treasurer of the United States .....	3,537.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$13,813.22</b>

### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of reports showing number of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Baker	4/29/46	2
Bay	5/8/46	10
Clay	5/11/46	2
DeSoto	5/8/46	6
Dixie	5/6/46	1
Flagler	5/6/46	1
Gadsden	5/7/46	1
Hamilton	5/6/46	5
Hendry	5/6/46	1
Hernando	5/13/46	4
Highlands	5/6/46	1
Hillsborough	4/8/46	1
Holmes	5/7/46	1
Nassau	5/13/46	7
Santa Rosa	5/6/46	9
Sumter	4/22/46	1
Wakulla	4/24/46	1
Wakulla	4/30/46	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the list of reports and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of State road reservation in each of two deeds involving land in Bay and Polk Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following deeds be issued, the State Road Department having recommended release of the right of way reservation:

Bay County Q.C. Deed No. 333—To Reed Mercer  
Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 1219—To Philip Berkovitz.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Consideration was given to request from the United States for stipulation by the Trustees covering Murphy Act land in Walton County on which declaration of taking was filed some time ago.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had checked on the land as to value and improvements and that the appraisals deposited with the Court are in line with values in the same locality; that the total assessed value of the land in 1932 was \$1,740.00 and the amount offered by the Federal Government is \$2,007.00. It was recommended that the appraisals be accepted.

Mr. Watson requested that his office be allowed to check the case as it involved a suit handled by his office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that subject to examination and approval by the Attorney General, the appraisals fixed by the Federal Government be approved and that the Attorney General be authorized to sign the stipulation requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Watson reported that he was sending one of his assistants to Liberty County to investigate the complaint filed by E. E. Callaway as to sale of land in which he (Callaway) was interested and attempted to buy, and upon receipt of desired information would make report to the Board.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve action taken by the Secretary directing the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as

agent for the Trustees, to withdraw from sale certain Murphy Act land in Sarasota County located in the vicinity of the Ringling Museum. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 5.89
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	5.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	13.70
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	75.00
Carl Abernathy, Tallahassee	22.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	50.00
Lamar Warren, Asst. Atty. Gen.	34.72
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	204.00
M. O. Barco, Secy-Clerk Land and Taxes	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secy-Clerk Records & Minutes	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk	165.00
Vivian A. Dedicos, Clerk	104.75
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk	67.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,517.32</b>

The refund checks listed as follows were issued during the month of May, 1946, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

W. J. Rowland c/o W. S. Weaver, C.C.C., Bay County Panama City, Florida	\$ 16.25
H. B. Montgomery c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21.25</b>

Mr. Elliot reported that the following transfer would be made from funds under Chapter 18296 to the account of General Revenue for the month of May, 1946:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer  
For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$75,000.00

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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 4, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. Wells submitted notice of land advertised for sale this date based on application from T. W. Conely, Jr. on behalf of J. R. Edwards. Pursuant to action of the Board April 9, 1946, the Notice was published in the Okeechobee News on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 17th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.



June 4th, 1946, the following described lands in OKEECHOBEE COUNTY:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of Tract No. 24 of the Eagle Bay survey as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 31, Records of Okeechobee County, Florida; and run thence S. 88° 36' E. 586.6 feet, thence S. 38° 46' W. 1075.4 ft. thence N. 88° 36' W. 361.3 ft. thence N. 27° 53' E. 955.4 ft. to Point of Beginning, containing 9.30 acres, in Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer received was \$17.50 an acre from Mr. Edwards.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Edwards at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to application from Edgar G. Hamilton April 16, 1946, with offer of \$7.50 an acre, the Trustees authorized Palm Beach County land advertised and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post in the issues of May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 47 South, Range 41 East, containing 480 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called up for sale, the only offer received was from Mr. Hamilton, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept \$7.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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On April 16th, 1946, the Trustees authorized advertised for competitive bids islands in Citrus County applied for by L. C. Yeomans with offer of \$2,000.00. The following Notice was published in the Inverness Chronicle on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, lands in CITRUS COUNTY, described as follows:

The small islands Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Crystal River, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 9.90 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale but no other bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept \$2,000 for the islands described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$7.50 an acre was presented to the Trustees March 26 by Sherrill Dillard for Lake County land, whereupon the following Notice was ordered published in the Tavares Citizen on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 26th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, for lands in LAKE COUNTY, described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Section 21, Township 15 South,  
Range 27 East, containing 77.89 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

The land was called out for sale and the highest bid—\$12.00 an acre—was made by C. D. Blount.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that sale of the land described be made to Mr. Blount at the price of \$12.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to offer of \$150.00 an acre from Emil Zwicki, the Trustees on April 16th ordered the land advertised for competitive bidding and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 20th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections and for competitive bids, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, for lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, described as follows:

A parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between the State Meander Line and the U. S. Levee Right-of-Way in Sections 4, 5 and 9, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 100 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer made was \$150.00 an acre from Emil Zwicki, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer made by Mr. Zwicki for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Wells reported that based on action taken April 9th authorizing advertisement for objections on land applied for by G. B. Knowles, on behalf of clients, with offer of \$100.00 an acre, the following Notice was published in the Bradenton Herald on May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 1946:

## NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida,



Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, the following described lands in MANATEE COUNTY:

From the NE Corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Twp. 34 S., Rge. 17 E., Manatee County, run W. 150 ft. and N. 231.7 ft. more or less to the shore of Ware's Creek, latter point being the P.O.B. From the P.O.B. run N. 27.2 ft. thence W. 125.0 ft., thence S. 37.0 ft. more or less to a point at the shore of Ware's Creek, thence meander in a southeasterly, northeasterly and easterly direction along the shore of Ware's Creek to the P.O.B., containing .084 acres, more or less, also From the NE Corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Twp. 34 S., Rge. 17 E., Manatee County, run W. 391 ft. and N. 232.9 ft. more or less to a point at the shore of Ware's Creek, latter point being the P.O.B.;

From said P.O.B., run N. 26.0 ft. thence run Westerly along tangent alignment to a point which lies 469.5 ft. W. and 263.9 ft. N. of the aforementioned NE Corner, thence run S. 11.0 ft. more or less to a point at the shore of Ware's Creek, thence meander in a southeasterly direction along the shore of Ware's Creek to the P.O.B. containing .034 acres, more or less, also

From the NE Corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Twp. 34 S., Rge. 17 E., Manatee County, run W. 275 ft. and N. 221.9 ft. more or less to a point at the shore of Ware's Creek, latter point being the P.O.B.

From said P.O.B. run N. 37 ft. thence run W. 116.0 ft. thence S. 26 ft. more or less to a point at the shore of Ware's Creek, thence meander in an easterly and southeasterly direction along the shore of Ware's Creek to the P.O.B. containing .084 acres, more or less.

The purchaser is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Sec.  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mrs. Edith E. Bass, W. S. Elam and W. E. Crowson, clients of Mr. Knowles, at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees April 16th on application from J. Velma Keen, on behalf of J. F. Burket, offering \$220.00 an acre for Sarasota County land, the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1946:

#### NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19th, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Law, will offer for sale, subject to objections only, in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 4th, 1946, for lands in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

A tract of land in Sarasota County, Florida, lying East of Lots H, I, J, K, L, M and N of Schutts Subdivision of Gov. Lot 4, Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, and described as follows: Begin at the SE corner of Lot H of Schutts Subdivision, thence northeasterly along the east line of Schutts Subdivision to waters of Casey's Pass; thence easterly along Casey's Pass to waters of Venice Bay; thence Southerly along Venice Bay to a point East of the point of beginning; thence West 916 feet, to the Point of Beginning, containing 14 acres.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Wells called the land out for sale and reported that written objections had been presented by J. Lewis Hall on behalf of A. E. Blackburn, on the following grounds:

Said lands were improved by objectors' predecessors in interest, and these objectors are, under the rules laid down by Trustees, the only persons entitled to purchase said lands;

Said lands adjoin uplands of objectors' predecessors in interest and/or title, and objectors are the persons entitled to purchase said lands; For said reasons, objectors desire that Trustees refuse to sell lands advertised.

Mr. Hall was present and verbally protested the sale on the additional grounds that his clients held a \$90,000.00 judgment against this and other property formerly owned by Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and was in the position of upland owner and entitled to purchase the land sought to be bought by Mr. Keen's clients. He stated that if the Trustees sell the land to Mr. Keen his (Hall's) client will have no recourse, and request was made that the Trustees delay sale until the Courts can determine who holds title, or if Mr. Blackburn can establish his rights that the land be put up at public auction.

Mr. Julius Parker, Attorney for Trustees, reported that he had gone into the case thoroughly and his opinion is that Mr. Keen's client has good record title to the upland property which gives him the right to purchase; also that in 1936 clients of Mr. Hall brought suit but did not make this particular land the subject matter of that suit although they state it was their intention to do so.

Mr. Keen informed the Trustees that Mr. Blackburn purchased the judgments referred to in 1936 but the judgments were filed back in 1929, according to information, and in 1935 the mortgage was foreclosed

and the rights of all claimants wiped out. That was before Mr. Blackburn came into the picture. The judgment holders had their day in court and their rights were wiped out.

Mr. Hall asked that if the Trustees declined to grant his request and make deed to Mr. Keen's client, that there be reserved to his client the right to go in and review the case if he establishes his rights as upland owner.

Claims from both parties were given consideration and fully discussed, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees proceed with the sale of the land as advertised and confirm sale in favor of Venice Inlet Company, client of Mr. Keen and Mr. Burket, at the price offered—\$220.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Julian E. Ross, City Attorney of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Mr. John Morris, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, submitted request for conveyance to the City of

Certain bottom lands under a portion of New River Sound in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, lying East of Intracoastal Waterway channel, approximately 3.5 acres in Broward County.

Mr. Ross explained that the area would be used for governmental purposes of the City of Fort Lauderdale in order to relieve the congested traffic condition in New River, for the purpose of providing a yacht basin and docking facilities, in order to provide access to another tract of bottom land heretofore deeded to the City by the Trustees, and other necessary requirements of the City in connection with the water front. The City offered \$1.00 for deed to the land.

Pursuant to suggestion of the Governor, motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees approve conveyance of the land subject to investigation by Mr. Elliot as to value of the property and its location with reference to other areas in New River Sound, and also subject to advertisement for objections. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.



Application was submitted from F. D. Yaun, representing Lakeside Cooperative of Moore Haven, to purchase at a price of \$50.00 an acre

That part of Parcel 7-2-S lying North of Park Avenue in Glades County, containing 1.60 acres in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East.

Information was furnished that the parcel is desired as a site for a refrigerated assembling plant for milk, also that it will be necessary to have the parcel surveyed.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the land be advertised for objections based on the offer made, applicant to pay cost of survey. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. R. L. Braddock, on behalf of H. A. Braddock, presented application to purchase at a price of \$50.00 an acre the following described lands adjoining his upland property on Torry Island:

Submerged lake bottom land below the meander line in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing 20 acres in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Braddock explained that in order to keep his cattle on the land it will be necessary to construct certain dykes which will fit in with the plan of the Federal Government as submitted to the Trustees May 21st from Islands Improvement Association for dyking three islands in Lake Okechobee.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that pursuant to action taken May 21st, the Trustees would not make conveyance of any land until assurance from the Federal Government that the proposed work would be completed.

In a discussion of the question the Governor suggested that permission might be given for Mr. Braddock to do the necessary dyking with a view to purchasing the land when plans have been completed and approved by the Federal Government and the Trustees; that should said plans not materialize and the Federal Government not go through with the program, the Trustees would not be inclined to sell the land applied for at the price of \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Braddock stated that it would be agreeable with him to not take title at this time if he could have permission to do the necessary dyking in order to prevent moving several thousand head of cattle to another area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the application to purchase be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was then made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Braddock be permitted to do the work described, and if the Federal Government goes through with the plan outlined May 21st by Islands Improvement Association the land applied for will be conveyed to Mr. Braddock at \$50.00 an acre; should the plans not materialize the Trustees will then determine at what price the land will be sold. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Edgar G. Hamilton, Attorney of West Palm Beach, submitted application on behalf of client, Raymond Rector, to purchase a fractional acre of land in

Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East,  
Palm Beach County,

for which he offered \$100.00.

Information was furnished that Mr. Rector had a home on the land but question had arisen as to whether sale had been made sometime ago or whether still owned by the State.

Mr. R. L. Braddock was present and requested that sale not be made at this time as the parcel in question was adjoining his property.

Without objection action was deferred on the application and the subject referred to Mr. Elliot for examination and report. It was so ordered.

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Action was taken by the Budget Commission May 24, 1946, authorizing transfer of \$2,500.00 of the \$5,000.00 allocated by the Trustees March 28, 1946, to a special fund for participation in hydrological survey being made by the United States Geological Survey:

Hon. J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer ..... \$2,500.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 11, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. LeRoy Collins presented request from Mrs. George F. Baker for extension of Lease No. 193 issued April 30, 1941, for a term of ten (10) years covering 250 acres of lake bottom land in Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Leon County, and permission to construct a dam and spillway across a certain portion of Lake Iamonia.

It was explained that Mrs. Baker desired to expand her investment by building a larger dam and two additional spillways and to take in an additional area in order to protect the property from vandalism. Mr. Collins stated that Mrs. Baker would like a five-year extension of her present lease or a new lease for ten years to become operative when approved.

Mr. Wells reported that the present lease provided for payment of \$50.00 annually but application for the additional area did not mention additional consideration, to which Mr. Collins replied that if the present rental was not sufficient his client would increase the payment.

Question of whether the Trustees had authority to lease the lake bottoms was considered, whereupon Mr. Watson moved that the application be referred to the

Trustees' Special Attorney, Mr. Parker, for report as to his findings on the question. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. LeRoy Collins came before the Trustees on behalf of client, A. F. Rich, and made application for sand lease on Ochlockonee River with offer of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all material removed. It was explained that Mr. Rich purchased facilities from Henry Hale and understood he was taking over lease Mr. Hale had from the Trustees; that based on the purchase he constructed a road at an expense of \$5,000.00 to his location and an additional \$3,000.00 in establishing equipment and machinery for taking sand; that he had been taking sand for approximately sixty (60) days and had set up a separate fund on the basis of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard as the State's revenue and had reported to the Land Office all sand taken; that he has since been informed that Mr. Hale's authority was tenuous, having only an application pending before the Board, which he later withdrew; that after Mr. Rich purchased the Hale interest the Trustees granted lease in favor of A. R. Richardson over a large area—approximately fifteen miles of river bed—which covered the tract where Mr. Rich was operating. Mr. Richardson notified Mr. Rich that he had exclusive lease on the area and that he, Mr. Rich, would have to operate under such lease and the charge would be twenty-five cents (25¢) per cubic yard.

The Attorney General remarked that Mr. Richardson did not have an exclusive contract but the Trustees granted a lease over the large area because they were of the opinion that Mr. Richardson would render the Board a service by checking up on parties taking sand without permit.

Mr. Richardson stated that he made application for a lease in February 1946, but it was finally granted in May; that he had notified Mr. Rich that the charge would be 25 cents per cubic yard for sand sold locally but where sale was made under contract to the State or for buildings the price would be 15 cents per cubic yard.

Mr. Collins stated that his client desired lease from the Trustees in order that he might proceed with his operations and make payment to the State direct.



The Governor suggested that the two parties try to arrive at some amicable agreement as to division of the area and take the matter up again next week. It was so ordered.

Upon request from Mr. Collins that his client be allowed to continue removing sand to meet his contracts and make report and payment to the Trustees, it was agreed by the Board that such procedure be followed.

It was ordered that the matter be held up till next meeting of the Board.

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The Secretary reported that on May 15th authority was given to release phosphate, mineral and metal reservations in Sarasota County Deed No. 58-30 executed April 23, 1938 in favor of Sarasota Dairy and Produce Company, covering

Lots 15 and 16, Block 16 in Sections 11 and 12,  
Township 37 South, Range 17 East—Chapter  
14572 land,

and grantee desires also release of petroleum reservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to release the oil rights in the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Nathan Crews with offer of \$100.00 for the purchase of Everglades tax certificate land described as,

Block "M" Lake Worth Heights in Section 16,  
Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing  
approximately 0.29 of an acre in Palm Beach  
County.

Client of W. D. Hilsabeck verbally offered to pay more than \$100.00 for the block.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the land for bids based on the offer of \$100.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Upon motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Governor Caldwell, there was referred to the Attorney General

the question of redemption of tax certificate issued to an individual against property conveyed to the State by United States Sugar Company subject to any outstanding taxes or tax certificates. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees having referred to Mr. Elliot application from Edgar G. Hamilton, on behalf of Raymond Rector, for purchase of a small parcel of lake bottom land in Lake Okeechobee near Torry Island, Mr. Elliot reported that it was within or on the edge of the area around Torry Island proposed to be protected by levee as agreed upon between Trustees and Islands Improvement Association May 21st, 1946. The exact location of the levee not having been determined by the United States Engineers it was recommended that sale of the parcel be not made at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that recommendation and report of Mr. Elliot be approved and the land be not sold at this time. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Financial Statements for the month of May 1946, are as follows:

#### UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1946 ..... \$616,774.86

#### Receipts for the Month

Land Sales—gross ..... \$27,184.24

The following checks  
returned and deducted:

F. J. Lewis on Contract

No. 19074 ..... 5,240.38-

A. Duda & Sons Con-  
tract No. 18780 ..... 293.57-

Net Land Sales ..... \$21,650.29

Land Sale—Chapter 14717—Palm

Beach County ..... 25.00

Land Lease ..... 75.00

5 Year Island Lease ..... 37.50

Farm Lease ..... 103.50

Mineral Lease ..... 93.75

Grazing Lease .....	508.65
Sand & Shell Leases .....	970.29
Timber Lease .....	1,516.70
Oil Lease .....	1,249.50
Miscellaneous Lease .....	34.54
General Lease .....	75.00
Interest .....	42.90
Refund of Drainage Taxes, 1942 thru 1945 .....	4,430.63
Quit Claim to Reservations in Deed to Lots in Sarasota — Chapter 14717 .....	10.00
Warrant No. 247161—Date 4/23/46 to Ft. Lauderdale Daily News Restored—Account already paid .....	6.25
Total Receipts for May 1946 .....	30,829.50
TOTAL .....	\$647,604.36
Less Disbursements for May, 1946 .....	—13,506.90
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1946 .....	\$634,097.46

### DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
5-25-46	277890	J. Edwin Larson, ST—Trans- fer to USGS Fd .....	\$ 2,500.00
	277891	Comptroller of the State of Florida .....	32.86
5-31-46	288024	Julius F. Parker .....	433.40
	288025	Geraldine Davis .....	176.90
	290012	F. C. Elliot .....	307.75
	290013	M. O. Barco .....	145.50
	290014	Jentye Dedge .....	204.40
	290015	J. B. Lee .....	19.00
	290016	W. B. Granger .....	47.50
	290017	Cyril Baldwin .....	202.20
	290018	A. C. Bridges .....	259.65
	290019	Bonnie G. Shelfer .....	76.14
	290202	Board of County Commis- sioners, Levy Co. ....	1,315.11
	292574	J. I. Freeland .....	402.70

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	292575	Glades Appliance Corpora- tion .....	278.99
	292576	Couch Manufacturing Co. ....	3,195.00
	292577	Treasurer of USA .....	3,537.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	51.00
		Withholding Tax .....	321.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY, 1946 \$13,506.90

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Balance as of May 1, 1946 .....	\$61,159.89
Receipts .....	—0—
Disbursements .....	—0—
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1946 .....	\$61,159.89

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1946 .....	\$ 2,500.00
Receipts .....	—0—
Disbursements .....	—0—
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1946 .....	\$ 2,500.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance as of May 1, 1946 .....	\$ 90,561.23
Receipts for the month .....	100,068.10
TOTAL .....	190,629.33
Less Disbursements for the month .....	—76,538.57
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1946 .....	\$114,090.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
5-31-46	287682	Ernest Hewitt .....	\$ 261.20
	287683	Helen Phillips .....	184.80
	287684	Mary Evans Voss .....	153.50
	287685	J. R. Roberts .....	174.40
	287686	M. O. Barco .....	23.75
	287687	Jentye Dedge .....	28.00
	287688	F. C. Elliot .....	47.50
	287689	Mildred F. Scott .....	144.15
	287690	Vivian A. Dedicos .....	102.45
	287691	Bonnie G. Shelfer .....	64.36



Date	Wt. No.	Payee	Amount
	289964	Lamar Warren, AAG .....	34.72
	289965	W. J. Roland .....	16.25
	289966	H. B. Montgomery .....	5.00
	290379	J. Edwin Larson, ST—Trans- fer to G.R. ....	75,000.00
	292241	The Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	5.89
	292242	Capital Office Equipment Co. ....	5.50
	292243	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. ....	13.70
	292244	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co. ....	75.00
	292245	Carl A. Abernathy .....	22.50
	292246	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster .....	50.00
		5% Retirement Fund .....	22.20
		Withholding Tax .....	103.70

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY, 1946 \$76,538.57**

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of reports showing bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	4/24/46	46
Alachua	5/22/46	16
Brevard	5/2/46	107
Broward	2/18/46	6
Broward	3/18/46	128
Charlotte	5/6/46	10
Citrus	5/4/46	10
Clay	5/18/46	1
Clay	6/1/46	1
Columbia	6/3/46	3
Dade	5/3/46	20
Dade	5/8/46	92
Dade	5/22/46	50
Dixie	5/27/46	1
Duval	4/9/46	104

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Duval	5/15/46	101
Escambia	4/30/46	4
Escambia	6/5/46	5
Flagler	6/3/46	2
Gadsden	5/21/46	21
Hamilton	5/20/46	1
Hardee	3/4/46	11
Hardee	4/1/46	12
Hillsborough	4/8/46	1
Hillsborough	5/7/46	58
Hillsborough	5/20/46	64
Holmes	5/20/46	1
Indian River	5/13/46	75
Jackson	5/20/46	7
Lake	5/13/46	59
Leon	6/3/46	8
Levy	4/1/46	1
Levy	5/6/46	20
Levy	6/3/46	5
Liberty	4/15/46	1
Liberty	5/14/46	4
Madison	5/6/46	1
Manatee	5/6/46	57
Marion	5/6/46	40
Martin	5/6/46	28
Monroe	4/12/46	395
Okeechobee	5/20/46	18
Orange	5/6/46	90
Osceola	4/18/46	87
Osceola	5/6/46	54
Palm Beach	5/10/46	149
Palm Beach	5/10/46	14
Pasco	5/6/46	49
Pasco	6/3/46	26
Pinellas	2/5/46	64
Pinellas	2/5/46	1
Pinellas	4/16/46	128
Polk	2/28/46	150
Putnam	5/4/46	3
Santa Rosa	6/3/46	3
Sarasota	5/27/46	40
Seminole	5/13/46	77

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
St. Johns	3/20/46	1
St. Lucie	5/6/46	301
Sumter	5/6/46	32
Suwannee	5/6/46	6
Taylor	3/29/46	1
Taylor	4/19/46	1
Taylor	5/10/46	1
Taylor	5/17/46	1
Taylor	5/10/46	3
Volusia	5/6/46	130
Washington	5/27/46	5

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve the list of reports and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from Florida Power and Light Company for power line right of way across Murphy Act land in Flagler County, involving a strip of land fifteen (15) feet wide and 774 feet long, or 46.9 rods through the following described lots:

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 10;  
 Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 11;  
 All Block 15,  
 Flagler on Two Dixies, Unit No. 1.

Offer made was fifty cents (50¢) per rod for the easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request be granted at the price offered and easement executed to Florida Power and Light Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$1.75 annually was submitted from M. D. Lamb for grazing lease on the following described land in DeSoto County:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, containing approximately 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to decline offer from Mr. Lamb and make counter proposal to authorize grazing lease for one year\* on the property upon payment of \$20.00, lease to be subject to cancellation at any time should the land be sold. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to reduce bid of \$640.00 made by Mrs. Edith G. Coombs at sale held May 6, 1946, on Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Franklin County, and allow her to purchase at \$156.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve the following Special Case Committee Report as the action of the Trustees:

May 7, 1946.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund  
C A P I T O L

Re: Report on Murphy sales  
in Special Cases.

Gentlemen:

Your committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbered from 447 to 450, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid



shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommendation."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO  
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON  
Attorney General

M/h/v

Encls.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported as information that notices had been received from the United States with reference to leases now outstanding:

Release of land covered by Lease No. NOy(R)—33962 covering 80 acres of land in Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County;

Release of land covered by Supplemental Lease No. W-09-026-eng-983 covering land in Blocks 8 and 9, Ponce DeLeon, PB 14, P 79, containing 7.38 acres in Dade County.

Renewal of Lease No. C-2CA-1574 on Lot 5, Block 1 and Lots 1, 2, 12 and 13, Block 2, Cravatt's Allapattah Homesite S/D, Dade County.

Reports were received and ordered filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the following Murphy Act certificates, the opinion being that they vest no title under Section 9 of Chapter 18296—The Murphy Act.

#### CITRUS COUNTY

Ctf. No.	465	1930
	446	1926
	642	1932
	914	1927
	22	1934

## COLUMBIA COUNTY

Ctf. No.	815	1930
	696	1929
	816	1930

## DADE COUNTY

Ctf. No.	999	1933
	1000	1933
	1002	1933
	1004	1933
	1008	1933
	1010	1933

## DIXIE COUNTY

Ctf. No.	103	1921
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## DUVAL COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1453	1932
	15642	1933

## HERNANDO COUNTY

Ctf. No.	17	1928
	18	1928
	19	1928

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Ctf. No.	3889	1927
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## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ctf. No.	530	1934
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## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ctf. No.	148	1903
	126	1897

## SUMTER COUNTY

Ctf. No.	1681	1933
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## UNION COUNTY

Ctf. No.	42	1913
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Application was presented from Palm Beach County  
for purchase of

Lots A and B, Osborn Colored Addition to Lake  
Worth, Palm Beach County,

with offer of \$5 for deed under provisions of Chapter  
21684.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the County of Palm Beach of the two lots described at the price offered, which was one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to allow withdrawal of bids submitted May 28, 1946 in amount of \$257.50 and \$297.50 and accept \$100.00 from Joseph Amster for Pinellas County land described as

Two 15 foot strips through Lot 1 of Van Winkle S/D of Tarpon Springs.

Upon vote the motion was adopted. (J. F. Baya representing Mr. Amster.)

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Applications were presented for correction deeds on Palm Beach County and Osceola County lands as follows:

No. 575-COR.—To E. J. Parker and Floyd C. Parker—Description erroneously recited Block as "N" instead of "A"; Osceola County.

No. 2939-COR.—To George M. Waters and Mary Anne Waters—Grantees' name erroneously given in original deed; Palm Beach County.

No. 2948-COR.—To Claudia B. Street, widow. Original deed erroneously carried name of husband Wade L. Street, who was deceased at the time application was filed; Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the correction deeds listed be authorized, the Attorney General's office having reported that it was proper to make such correction. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Requests were submitted for release of State road right of way in deeds conveying land in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Volusia Counties.

The Secretary reported that all requests had been referred to the State Road Department and recom-

mendation had been received in each case that the reservation be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following quitclaim deeds be issued for the purpose of releasing the road right of ways:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2302 to Clarence A. Rule and Evelyn Rule.

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2733 to Calvin D. Smith.

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3046 to W. G. Clark and Clarice Larsen.

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2835 to Doyle Campbell and F. M. Hahn.

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2188 to L. F. Maynard.

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 3182 to Albert Graffa and Mary E. Graffa.

Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1948 to W. K. Ballough.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 18, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.  
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.  
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.  
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.



The Secretary presented for approval Minutes of the Trustees dated May 15, 21, and June 4, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Pursuant to action of the Trustees June 11th, the subject of sand leases on Ochlockonee River was brought up for consideration. Mr. LeRoy Collins and his client, Mr. A. F. Rich, were present, as also was Mr. A. R. Richardson, holder of a lease on the River.

Mr. Collins informed the Board that his client and Mr. Richardson had failed to reach an agreement; that Mr. Richardson felt Mr. Rich should sub-contract from him; that Mr. Rich preferred to deal direct with the Trustees; that he had suggested to Mr. Richardson that he (Rich) would amend his proposal to the Trustees and pay eleven cents (11¢) for material removed,—five cents (5¢) of which the State could pay Mr. Richardson for inspection under whatever agreement they wished to make.

Mr. Wells explained that the area in question runs from the Georgia-Florida line to Lake Jackson station. Mr. Rich being interested in one mile only of the strip.

Mr. Collins for his client, and Mr. Richardson, for himself, reviewed the case as presented to the Trustees June 11th. In addition Mr. Collins explained that Mr. Rich was operating in the River prior to the time Mr. Richardson received lease from the Trustees; that he is under contract to furnish sand for State buildings and except for the fact that he has constructed a road across privately owned land to this particular spot, he could operate at other points along the River, but in view of the expenditure of approximately \$5,000.00 for the road he desires to continue at that point.

Mr. Richardson stated that he had made application for lease in February, but did not actually have the lease until May 24, 1946; that Mr. Rich did not make application for a lease until after the latter date, and he felt that where Mr. Rich was selling sand for state buildings payments should be made on the basis of fifteen cents (15¢) per cubic yard, five cents (5¢) of which should go to him, Mr. Richardson.

Governor Caldwell expressed the opinion that the Trustees would not be justified in paying 5 cents per cubic yard to Mr. Richardson for services.

Mr. Wells reported that H. W. Grimsley held Lease No. 449 authorized December 8, 1945; that he had filed bond in March 1946 but had made no payments on the lease; that he was notified May 14th to make payments due but no reply had been received. It was recommended that the lease be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Lease No. 449 be cancelled and delinquent payments be made immediately; that if lease was not paid up that the bond be required to settle the account. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Governor Caldwell suggested that in keeping check on sand removed daily records be kept, each day showing amount removed, or none if that be the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee that the Trustees not grant exclusive lease in the river; that lease be granted to Mr. Rich to take sand from Ochlockonee River covering the mile parcel as outlined in the application, described as:

Starting from the river, crossing what is known as the Old Concord road, the same being a steel bridge across Ochlockonee River, running northeasterly one and three-fourths miles along said river bed to a point which is the point of beginning; thence along the bed of the river a distance of three-fourths of a mile in a northeasterly direction, in Leon and Gadsden Counties,

payment to be ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard—\$300.00 to be paid in advance as minimum royalty for the year. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee that parties having leases to remove sand from Ochlockonee River be required to make monthly reports of sand taken, that such reports show amount of material taken each day, and that check accompany monthly report paying in full for sand covered by said report; that trucks hauling the sand be marked with name of lessee and the trucks be identified by number or description as may be agreed upon between lessee and the Land Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Upon discussion of lease to Mr. Richardson and payment to be made him for checking on removal of sand by other parties, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that Mr. Richardson be allowed five cents per cubic yard for all sand removed from the river by other parties.

Mr. Lee stated that he could not second the motion as he felt one contractor should not be given supervision over another. The motion failed of adoption.

Upon inquiry of Mr. Richardson as to how much equipment he had on the ground and how much sand he was moving at the time, he replied that he had awaited purchasing equipment until he had the lease and then under existing conditions he was awaiting final action by the Trustees; that he has to date purchased no equipment but intended doing so as soon as he could get it.

Mr. Lee moved that every one be instructed to abandon taking sand from Ochlockonee River until requirements of the Board have been complied with. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Collins informed the Board that Mr. Rich had furnished bond required by the Trustees and would immediately pay up for all sand already taken at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard, thereby placing him in position to continue taking sand.

Mr. Richardson inquired whether there would be objection to his working out arrangements with others now taking sand to continue under him. He was advised that he could make such arrangements.

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Mr. Wells reported that protest had been withdrawn by O. K. Reeves, on behalf of client W. E. Hamilton, to sale of Sarasota County land located in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, advertised for sale May 7th upon application from J. V. Keen on behalf of Elmer E. Whittle. Offer of \$300.00 an acre was offered by Mr. Whittle but action was deferred at the meeting May 15th pending consideration of protest.

Information was furnished that Mr. Hamilton has no claim to the land adjacent to the parcel advertised, said property in itself being formerly submerged and Mr. Hamilton having never acquired title from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Elmer E. Whittle at the price of \$300.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted. (See Minutes of May 15th, 1946, giving full description of the land.)

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Application was presented from W. J. Eberwein to purchase a small island in Brevard County known as Hall Island in Township 24 South, Range 37 East, containing between 8 and 10 acres, for which he offered \$50.00.

The Trustees were not agreeable to selling the island but indicated that favorable consideration would be given to leasing the area at an annual rental of \$25.00. It was so ordered.

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Offer of \$320.00 was presented from George A. Speer, Jr. for purchase of

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 21 South Range 32 East, containing 40 acres in Seminole County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to advertise the land for sale on competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Speer. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$150.00 an acre from G. M. Simmons and associates for submerged areas facing their upland property on the Indian River at Titusville, Brevard County, Florida, and make counter proposal to sell the area at a price of \$200.00 an acre. It was so ordered.

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Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of \$1,000.00 from James B. Hammond, on behalf of Southern States Oil and Land Company, for spoil dumps along the channel at Carrabelle comprising sixty to seventy acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted.



Four applications were presented from the State Road Department for easements across state lands in Bay, Franklin, Gilchrist and Sarasota Counties, designated as follows:

Bay County—Submerged and tidal lands in Section 31, Township 2 South, Range 17 West, lying within 200 feet of the center line of State Road No. 115, Section 4601;

Franklin County—That part of the submerged and tidal lands in Sections 12 and 13, Township 6 South, Range 2 West lying within 100 feet of the center line of State Road No. 10, Section 4904;

Gilchrist County—That portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 16 East, lying within 50 feet of the survey line of State Road No. 82—Section 3105;

Sarasota County—A strip or parcel of land 400 feet wide lying 200 feet each side of the center line of State Road No. 5 as now located and constructed across lands held by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, and Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 19 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easements in favor of the State Road Department covering areas applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Charles E. Pelot, on behalf of himself and others, to purchase the salt marsh lying between their upland property and the St. Johns River on the North, and Shipyard Creek on the West, Duval County. Applicants claim title as owners of Zephaniah Kingsley Grant of Section 44, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, and also Shipyard Island. Offer of \$3.00 an acre was made for quitclaim deed to approximately 30 acres of the marsh area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of

Charles E. Pelot  
L. A. Warren, and  
Edward S. Hemphill

to the land applied for at a price of \$3.00 an acre, without advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$1,361.00 was presented from John D. Shepard, on behalf of Orlando Atlantic Beach Company, for assignment of Mortgage No. 17582 in amount of \$14,709.00 executed in 1926 by J. P. Sexton and wife, involving land described as

Lot 2, Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 38 East, containing 23.70 acres in Brevard County.

Mr. Shepard's client agrees to pay all expense of foreclosure in addition to \$1,361.00.

Land was recently appraised at \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline the offer made, but make counter proposal for assignment of the mortgage upon payment of \$1,500.00, all cost of foreclosure to be paid by Orlando Atlantic Beach Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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T. T. Turnbull, on behalf of Ashley Johnson, amended his recent application by raising his offer from \$100 to \$200 for lease on submerged land in Ochlockonee River adjacent to the north approach to Panacea bridge.

Information was furnished that the land adjacent to the submerged area is owned by the State Road Department and applicant has an agreement from said department for ingress across a sixty-six foot strip of the right of way but no parking privilege. Amended application provides for a parcel 66 feet wide adjacent to upland property from the center line of the bridge approach for a depth of 100 feet toward the channel of the river, lease to be for 10 years.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Governor Caldwell, to decline offer submitted and make counter proposal to grant lease upon payment of \$350.00 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Without objection, the Trustees ordered referred to the Attorney General application from LeRoy Collins for extension of Lease No. 193 in favor of W. W. Goode.

Mr. Collins was informed that the subject would be re-submitted to the Trustees.

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Offer of \$45.00 was presented from Robert L. Hodges on behalf of J. W. Nash, for purchase of land on Lake Conway described as

Lot 44 of C. F. Heffner's Subdivision, containing approximately one-seventh of an acre in Orange County, Florida,

located between upland property and the waters of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Nash for the land described, subject to advertisement for objections. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from William Pitchford of Stuart, Florida, offering \$1,000.00 an acre for two small islands described as being

500 yards off shore and southeast of Sewell's Point in Indian River near St. Lucie Inlet—Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County—acreage to be determined by survey.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the two islands for competitive bids based upon bid from Mr. Pitchford. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from William J. Bulloch of Monticello, Florida, that the Trustees reconsider terms of five-year lease heretofore authorized on Rock Island, Taylor County.

Upon consideration of the application, the Trustees expressed themselves as being agreeable to changing the cancellation period and privilege of removing property from the premises from three months to six months; designating the instrument as a Hunting Lease, but not exclusive; hunting privileges of the public to be preserved and no posted signs to be placed on the property. Mr. Wells was directed to notify Mr. Bulloch of the attitude of the Trustees and ascertain if the conditions were satisfactory. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of \$1,000.00 an acre from W. R. Leach for a small island opposite his upland property on the Indian River in Martin County, information having been furnished that the island was formed by dredging operations of other parties and does not lie adjacent to property of Mr. Leach. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from Sidney J. Stubbs for five-year lease to remove deadhead timber from the St. Johns River and navigable tributaries, from Palatka to Lake Harney, for which he offers \$12.50 per thousand feet.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Stubbs and authorize lease as applied for at the price suggested. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$200.00 was presented from Roscoe C. Brown for purchase of land in the

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, Putnam County.

It was explained that only four (4) acres were available for sale, the remainder being submerged land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Brown. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The following offers were presented for purchase of land in Palm Beach County:

W. A. Cross—Offer of \$700.00 for a small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, lying between Lot 15 "B" and Lot 14 "B" and the United States levee, containing approximately 1 acre;

B. Elliott—Offer of \$100.00 for a small parcel of sovereignty land in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying adjacent to Lot 61 "A" and between said lot and the United States levee—14/100 of an acre.



Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the offers from W. A. Cross and B. Elliott for the land described, subject to advertisement for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from Wilson Sanders, on behalf of George N. Seay, offering \$250.00 for approximately 0.8 of an acre of reclaimed land on Lake Conway, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Sanders subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees ordered appraisal furnished on 9.2 acres of submerged land in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, applied for by John Fite Robinson on behalf of Witsend, Inc. with offer of \$100.00 for the land described, which lies adjacent to upland property of client.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer from S. E. Wilson of \$5.00 an acre for

Lot 11, Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 16 East, Hamilton County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Atlantic Engineering Corporation that the Trustees include in Mineral Lease No. 414 an additional area of State land described as:

Township 37 South, Ranges 41 and 42 East, Martin County, Florida.

It was explained that the additional acreage was omitted from the original application through oversight.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant request and authorize inclusion of the land described in Lease No. 414. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that Oil and Gas Lease No. 170 in favor of Consumers Gas and Fuel Company had expired by its terms March 18, 1946, terminating a five-year extension of the lease. State Geologist Herman Gunter recommends that the lease be cancelled by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease in favor of Consumers Gas and Fuel Company, covering land in Dade County, be cancelled, requirements of the contract not having been complied with. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from E. F. Moorehouse to purchase

Lot 14, Block 49—Palma Ceia Park S/D  
Hillsborough County,

title to which vested in the Trustees by Master's Deed issued under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929—amount of decree \$186.26. Information was furnished that Mr. Moorehouse held tax sale certificate issued prior to date of foreclosure but he was not made party to said suit; that special assessment certificate and Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District taxes amount to approximately \$425.00; that in view of these circumstances the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County have adopted a resolution agreeing to accept \$37.50 as the County's equity in the land based on \$167.63. Applicant offers the Trustees \$10.00 for its equity.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot to Mr. Moorehouse upon payment of \$37.50 for the County's and \$25.00 as the State's equity. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Florida Ramie Products, Inc. that the State Road Department be authorized by the Trustees to allow removal of additional rock from the borrow pit used by the Road Department under permit from the Trustees, located in

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 44 South,  
Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

It was explained that permission had heretofore been given for the Ramie Company to remove up to 4,000 cubic yards of rock and that such amount has already been taken and additional material is needed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize the State Road Department to permit removal of such additional rock for use by Florida Ramie Products, Inc. as the Road Department may determine and under such conditions as it may prescribe. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. Elliot, Secretary, be authorized to purchase a Marchant calculating machine at a net cost to the Trustees of \$490.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Paul M. Souder, on behalf of client Lillian G. Burns, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed conveying one-half of an alleyway adjoining land described as:

Lots 26 and 27, Block 51, Revised Siesta—Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County,

deeded to Max Don Howell and Elizabeth B. Howell June 4, 1942 by Deed No. 58-44.

It was explained that the alleyway was vacated several years ago and adjacent property owners desire to take title to the proportionate part of the strip; also that Lillian G. Burns is successor in title to grantees under Deed No. 58-44.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees quitclaim the strip of alleyway adjacent to the lots conveyed by the Trustees as described in Deed No. 58-44. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Secretary suggested that in order that the business and records of the Internal Improvement Fund be in conformity with other State departments that action be taken directing that the fiscal year be designated as ending June 30th rather than December 31st, as heretofore followed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees adopt the suggestion of the Secretary as the action of the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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The Trustees on May 15th agreed to advertise for competitive bids land in Sarasota County, title to which vested in the State under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, applied for by L. M. Levinson with bid of \$300.00. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 31, June 7 and 14, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida

May 27, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 18, 1946, lands in SARASOTA COUNTY, described as follows:

Lot 17, Block A, Granada, Section 31, Township 36 South, Range 18 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for bids, the only offer received was \$300.00 from Mr. Levinson.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of \$300.00 be declined and that counter proposal be made to accept \$350.00 plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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On May 15th, the Trustees agreed to advertise for bids land in Broward County, title to which came to the Trustees under Everglades tax certificates, applied



for by Robert A. Pfliegel of Deerfield, Florida, with a bid of \$30.00 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on May 31st and June 7th and 14th, 1946:

Tallahassee, Florida

May 27, 1946

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale for competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 18, 1946, lands in BROWARD COUNTY, described as follows:

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Tracts 33, 34, 35, 36, 45, 46, 47, 48, N. 286' of 49, 50, 51, N.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 52, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 61, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 62.

All in Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 42 East.

The successful bidder is to pay the advertising cost.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary  
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Upon the land being called out for sale, the only bid received was \$30.00 an acre from Mr. Pfliegel, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that sale of the land described be confirmed in favor of Mr. Pfliegel at the price bid, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary .....	\$ 425.00
M. O. Barco, Sec-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	233.00

J. B. Lee, Guard Timber Tract .....	20.00
W. B. Granger, Rent Agent .....	50.00
Cyril Baldwin, Field Agent .....	225.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor & Bookkeeper .....	325.00
Julius F. Parker, Attorney .....	500.00
Geraldine Davis, Secretary .....	185.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,163.00</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report showing list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	5/22/46	1
Broward	4/15/46	219
Calhoun	5/6/46	3
Dade	4/15/46	2
Dade	5/24/46	7
Duval	4/9/46	1
Escambia	6/5/46	1
Franklin	5/6/46	5
Hillsborough	5/7/46	1
Hillsborough	6/4/46	95
Lafayette	5/27/46	6
Manatee	6/3/46	27
Monroe	5/14/46	295
Orange	5/6/46	2
Putnam	6/1/46	59
Sumter	5/6/46	3
Suwannee	6/3/46	1
St. Lucie	6/3/46	109
Volusia	5/6/46	3
Wakulla	6/5/46	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed on report and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applications were presented for correction deeds involving land in Broward and Orange Counties.

The Secretary having reported that the applications had been approved by the Attorney General's office, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following correction deeds be executed and delivered:

Broward County Deed No. 911-Cor. to Pleas A. Swindell and Paul E. Swindell for the purpose of more fully describing the property conveyed in original deed;

Orange County Deed No. 1421-Cor. to William J. Bogar and Margaret P. Bogar, to correct description from Block "A" to Block "B".

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from May G. Carlstein for deed to replace Hillsborough County Deed No. 1422 which was lost before recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees issue Deed No. 1422-A in favor of May G. Carlstein in lieu of original deed lost. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$50.00 was presented from Basil E. May, Jr. for release of phosphate reservation in Citrus County Deed No. 466 dated January 1, 1946, conveying Lots 1 to 9, inclusive, Block A, Amended Map of Sanders Heights Addition to Hernando.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize release of phosphate reservation only contained in Citrus County Deed No. 466 upon payment of \$50.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Bristol Methodist Church that the Trustees authorize cancellation of certificates against property described as:

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 18, Town of Bristol,  
Liberty County, Florida.

Statement was made that the lot was deeded to the church in 1893 and had been used for church purposes

since that time, the parsonage having occupied the lot until about 25 years ago when it was burned. Certificates were issued for the years 1931 and 1933.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates covering the lot described and recommend to the Comptroller that such certificates be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was submitted from the Church of God at Wauchula, Florida, for cancellation of certificates issued in 1932 and 1933 covering

Lots 9 and 10, Block 17, Add. to Wauchula,  
Hardee County, Florida.

It was explained that while the church did not receive deed to the property until 1936 it had been used for a number of years prior thereto for church purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates referred to and recommend to the Comptroller that the same be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for easements across Murphy Act land in Orange County for use in connection with State Road No. 22.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easements in favor of the State Road Department across a large number of lots in Orange County, designated as follows:

Lying within 100 feet of State Road No. 22, Sec. 7506 in the Subdivisions of Bithlo, Bunker Hill 2nd Section, East Cloverdale, Floral Park, Stevensons S/D, and in Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, and in Sections 20 and 21, Township 22 South, Range 32 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the Town of Interlachen, Putnam County, Florida, that the Trustees dis-



claim interest in certificates issued in 1930 and 1933 involving

Block 8, Town of Interlachen.

It was explained that the town has used this block for many years as an athletic field and recreation center, evidence having been furnished that during the years 1930 to 1933 the block was reworked as a public project by the WPA, and that conveyance was made to the town in August 1928 but the deed was never recorded and has since been misplaced.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees disclaim interest in the certificates covering Block 8, and recommend that the Comptroller cancel them. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from Henry L. Wiley of Leesburg, Florida, for purchase of, or right of way across, land described as:

In the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Lake County.

Applicant desires to dig a canal in order to have access for boats to get out into Lake Griffin.

Information was furnished that this land has been applied for by the State Park Service but the Director has indicated that there will be no objection to right of way for canal as requested by Mr. Riley.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize permit for right of way requested by Mr. Riley for a consideration of \$10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from H. M. Forman, on behalf of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, for purchase of Murphy Act land in Broward County to be created into a water conservation area as authorized by Chapter 23107, Acts of 1945. Offer of \$10,397 was made for a total acreage of 13,009 located within Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District.

Upon consideration of the request, Governor Caldwell suggested that his idea would be that the lands be taken off the market and be set aside to be used only

for water conservation, for a period of five years; that the land be tied up for that purpose and that it be made a condition of the transaction. The suggestion was agreeable to the other members.

Mr. Forman stated that since this was not what the District wanted he would take it up with his Board and advise Mr. Elliot further in the matter.

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Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Indian River County that the Trustees accept bid of \$45.00 from Mrs. Oliver Knowles, listed on Report No. 75, sale of May 13, 1946, for the

West 20 acres of Tract 16, Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County.

It was explained that the same certificate covered the East 20 acres of Tract 16 which sold for \$520.00—the full value of the entire 40-acre tract; that by reason of the price received for the east half of the tract, the Clerk recommends that the remainder applied for by Mrs. Knowles be sold for \$45.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request be denied and the Clerk notified that it will be necessary for applicant to raise her bid to \$130.00 in line with the offer made for the other part covered by the certificate. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper .....	\$ 286.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer .....	203.50
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer .....	176.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk .....	204.00
M. O. Barco, Sec-Clerk Land & Taxes .....	25.00
Jentye Dedge, Sec-Clerk Records & Minutes .....	28.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary .....	50.00
Mildred F. Scott, Clerk .....	165.00
Lidie M. Moss, Clerk .....	130.00
Bonnie G. Shelfer, Clerk .....	150.00

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TOTAL ..... \$1,417.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 25, 1946.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Millard F. Caldwell, Governor.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

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F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk.

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Mr. Dan McCarty and Mr. D. C. Smith, representing Fort Pierce Inlet District, re-submitted proposal presented to the Trustees March 12th, asking for release of "public purposes" clause in Deeds No. 17126 and No. 17183 upon payment of \$50.00 an acre in order that an exchange might be effectuated with Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company. Mr. McCarty explained that the Inlet District had delayed taking further steps in the application, pending decision by the Supreme Court as to title to certain submerged areas claimed by Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Co., and that the Court had held in favor of the Financing Company. Also information was furnished that the Navy Department was de-commissioning the amphibious training base and the Inlet District had the opportunity of taking over approximately \$300,000.00 worth of permanent buildings. Map was displayed showing the areas owned by the Financing Company to be deeded to Fort Pierce Inlet, provided the reservation can be released, and also indicated the area to be deeded the Financing Company, without reservations, including a portion of the 14-acre parcel which the Trustees on January 8th agreed to sell the Inlet District.

Mr. Fred McMullen, on behalf of the Attorney General, delivered a message from the Attorney General asking that definite action be not taken until he had opportunity to study the decision rendered by the Supreme Court, referred to by Mr. McCarty.

Upon consideration of proposal from Fort Pierce Inlet District, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson,

- (1) That the Trustees release the "public purposes" reservation from so much of the land conveyed in Deeds No. 17127 and No. 17183 located on Causeway Island as lies south of State Road No. 162, less the West 500 feet south of the road, for which release the Trustees will be paid \$50.00 an acre;
- (2) That the Trustees deed to Fort Pierce Inlet District that part of the 14-acre tract, authorized for sale January 8, 1946, lying within the West 500 feet of Causeway Island, said deed to contain "public purposes" clause;
- (3) The remainder of the 14-acre tract to be conveyed to Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, without the "public purposes" clause at a price of \$50.00 an acre.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was understood that Fort Pierce Inlet District would furnish the Trustees with maps and accurate descriptions with such other information as necessary for completing the transactions.

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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across submerged land in St. Lucie County, to be used in connection with State Road No. 559.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement as requested covering an area designated as:

That portion of submerged lands, water and fills thereon, in Sections 34, 35 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, and in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, lying within 200



feet of the center line of existing State Road No. 559—Sec. 9406—St. Lucie County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$8.00 an acre was presented from C. W. Womble for purchase of

Unsurveyed N $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 320 acres in Highlands County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer submitted and make counter proposal to advertise the land for bids provided Mr. Womble will agree to bid not less than \$10.50 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Charles F. Roberts, for purchase of 1.54 acres of sovereignty land in Township 34 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was submitted from S. D. Clark of Monticello, Florida, representing Florida Power and Light Company, for permission to place 31 pole anchors on State land in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Florida Power and Light Company to locate thirty-one (31) pole anchors on State land in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, along State Road No. 26, described as follows:

Broward County—In Townships 47 and 48 South, Range 38 East, and in Townships 48 and 49 South, Range 39 East;

Palm Beach County—In Township 46 South, Range 37 East, and in Township 47 South, Range 38 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from Sidney E. Wilson for purchase of

Lot 11, Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 16 East, containing 73.13 acres in Columbia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer submitted and agree to advertise the parcel of land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$6.00 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from W. B. Watson, Jr., on behalf of John A. Bouvier, Jr., of Miami, Florida, for sand lease covering an area in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, described generally as

Lying East of Coast Guard Island, South of County Causeway, extending northeasterly to Meloy Channel and southward to the main channel. Also described as an area opposite and 1500 feet East of the North end of Virginia Key and extending in a southerly direction with the meanders of the shore line to a point 1500 feet East of and opposite the south end of Biscayne Key.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize two-year sand lease in favor of Mr. Bouvier over the area described, with minimum monthly payment of \$25.00 and the filing of \$1,000.00 bond with the Trustees to insure faithful performance of the contract. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized executed.

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Mr. Sinclair Wells also reported that protest had been made to the taking of sand or shell along Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, and based on recommendation from the County Commissioners stop order had been issued to individuals removing the material; that a number of applications for lease had been received and the County Commissioners had indicated no objection to leases being granted covering that area on

Amelia Island South of Section 10, Township 2  
North, Range 28 East.

The Trustees indicated that consideration would be given to applications received covering the area suggested by the County Commissioners of Nassau County.

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Easement in favor of St. Petersburg Port Authority was presented for final approval and execution, the Trustees having authorized the easement January 22, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the instrument as presented be executed and transmitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot reported that Everglades National Park Commission requests the Trustees to designate land held by the State outside of the park area to be used in exchange for privately owned lands within the Everglades National Park boundaries. Chapter 22776, Acts of 1945, provides that "The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to exchange lands located outside of the Everglades National Park, held by said Trustees by virtue of the Swamp Land Grant Act of 1850, in this State, for lands privately owned within said proposed Everglades National Park area and in turn to convey lands so acquired to the United States; \* \* \*." The former act—Chapter 16995, Acts of 1935, authorized the Trustees to apply to exchange lands south of Township 48.

The Secretary recommended that for assisting in acquiring lands owned by private persons within the boundary of Everglades National Park in pursuance of Chapter 22776, Acts of 1945, the Trustees make available for exchange for such land the following:

Lands held by the Trustees under the Federal Swamp Land Grant Act of 1850, within Everglades Drainage District which are located South of Township 48 South, west of Range 41 East; in Townships 49, 50 and 51 South, and south of Township 51 South, west of Range 40 East, lying outside of the boundary of proposed Everglades National Park, except,

- (a) Lands sold prior to effectuation of exchange;
- (b) Lands subject to any lease prior to effectuation of exchange;
- (c) Lands located within any water conservation area set aside by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and adopt it as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Mr. Elliot presented memorandum on request from the United States Interior Department for commitment from the Trustees with reference to conveyance in fee simple of land to become a part of Everglades National Park.

The Trustees discussed the memorandum and deferred action until the next meeting.

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The Trustees having referred to the Secretary for report application from the City of Fort Lauderdale for conveyance of an area in New River Sound, Broward County, for yacht basin and docking facilities, Mr. Elliot submitted the following suggestions:

That the value of the land per acre be agreed upon for the purpose proposed;

That in sale to the City 75% of the sale price be remitted by the Trustees and 25% be considered as the equity of the School Fund in the land and be paid to the Trustees for deposit to the School Fund;

That in view of concession in cost, deed from the Trustees to the City contain the usual condition "for public purposes only;"

That the land be advertised for sale subject to objections only, since the City is the owner of the adjoining upland.

It was recalled that a similar arrangement was entered into with the City of Miami for airport and harbor facilities. The value of the land in that case was fixed at \$40.00 an acre, 75% of which was remitted by the



Trustees and 25% paid to the Trustees for the School Fund's equity.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land to the City of Fort Lauderdale in line with suggestions made by Mr. Elliot, the value of the land to be fixed at \$40.00 an acre—\$10.00 an acre to be paid by the City as the School Fund's equity and \$30.00 an acre to be remitted by the Trustees; the land to be advertised for objections only and deed to contain clause for "public purposes only." Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following expense accounts, miscellaneous and special bills be approved and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller, Tallahassee .....	\$ 24.88
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee .....	20.62
E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Circuit Court Dade County .....	3.15
Capital Office Supply Co., Tallahassee .....	8.40
The Tampa Morning Tribune, Tampa .....	8.40
Frank P. Dolph, Fort Lauderdale .....	120.00
Bill's Auto Service, Belle Glade .....	26.00
Morgan Pump Co., Belle Glade .....	2,250.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,461.45</b>

#### SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296 and reported that the bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	4/24/46	2
Brevard	5/2/46	1
Broward	4/15/46	2
Duval	5/15/46	4

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Duval	5/28/46	160
Hendry	6/10/46	25
Hernando	6/17/46	10
Hillsborough	6/7/46	11
Lake	6/10/46	41
Martin	5/6/46	1
Martin	5/6/46	79
Nassau	6/17/46	2
Okeechobee	6/17/46	7
Osceola	6/6/46	1
Osceola	6/10/46	80
Pasco	6/3/46	2
Pinellas	2/5/46	6
Putnam	6/1/46	1
St. Lucie	6/3/46	1
Union	6/3/46	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report of bids and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Applications were presented for correction deeds covering land in Bay and Indian River Counties heretofore conveyed. Information was furnished that the requests had been examined by the Attorney General's office and correction deeds approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo that the following correction deeds be issued and transmitted:

Bay County Deed No. 773-COR.—To Marie L. Black for the purpose of correcting Range number from "14" to "15" and changing name of grantee from F. A. Black to Marie L. Black, F. A. Black being deceased.

Indian River County Deed No. 673-COR.—To Charlie R. Pinson, for the purpose of correcting first name from Charles to "Charlie."

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The State Road Department having recommended release of State Road right of way in several deeds executed by the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following deeds be authorized:

Holmes County Deed Q.C. No. 26—To Elton Bowen  
Putnam County Deed Q.C. No. 197—to L. F. McKinnon.

Volusia County Deed Q.C. No. 268—To R. E. Law.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from the United States that the Trustees authorize execution of "CONSENT TO DISMISSAL" involving a parcel of land involved in Suit No. 73 Ft. Pierce Civil, style of case:

United States of America

v.

1344.39 acres of land, more or less,  
in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, Florida,  
Hew Inc., a Florida Corporation, et al.

Information was furnished that the Attorney General had approved execution of the instrument.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute the Consent to Dismissal as requested by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Application was presented from City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida, for conveyance under Chapter 21684 of,

220 lots in Blocks 6, 7, 22, 31, 35, 36, 37, 47, 56, 102, 107, 112, 125, 126, 128, 129, 177, 197, 198, 201, 202, 207, 213, 214, 215, 216, and All Block 18, except Public Road, in Section 11, Township 26 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

Offer of \$965.00 was made for the property, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from the Town of Zephyrhills and authorize conveyance of the lots

under Chapter 21684. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Offer of \$975.00 was presented from the City of Ormond, Florida, for conveyance of Volusia County land, being

133 lots in Rio Vista Gardens and Rio Vista Allotment.

The offer made was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots described under provisions of Chapter 21684 upon payment of \$975.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Request was presented from City of Jacksonville, Florida, for conveyance of 19 lots in Grand Park S/D of Duval County, without payment, for use as parks and playgrounds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to convey the lots without consideration and authorize execution of deed under Chapter 21684 in favor of the City upon payment of \$95.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller authorized to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	\$ 5.35
Wiggins & Durrance Typewriter Repair Shop, Tallahassee	11.75
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	15.66
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	75.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157.76</b>

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The refund check listed as follows was issued during the month of June, 1946, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:



Cabana City Corporation  
c/o D. T. Farabee, C.C.C.  
Lee County  
Ft. Myers, Florida

\$ 79.00

Mr. Elliot reported that the following transfer would be made from funds under Chapter 18296 to the account of General Revenue for the month of June, 1946:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368  
FROM FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

J. Edwin Larson  
State Treasurer

For transfer to General Revenue Fund \$100,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

MILLARD F. CALDWELL,  
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

**UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL CO-OPERATIVE FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946**

1946	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances
March .....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ .....	\$ 2,500.00
April .....			
May .....			
June .....	2,500.00	2,108.95	391.05
Totals .....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,108.95	\$ 2,891.05

**CHAPTER 18296**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES**  
**FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946**

1945	Receipts	Disbursements Operating	Non-operating	Balances
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ 14,066.04
January .....	69,274.46	1,514.96	110.00	67,649.50
February .....	64,757.55	1,797.23	95,160.00	32,199.68 Cr.
March .....	46,786.81	1,281.55	45,001.00	504.26
April .....	70,751.41	1,155.00	45,000.00	24,596.41
May .....	61,328.27	1,479.05	50,047.25	9,801.97
June .....	72,016.87	1,375.64	45,107.05	25,534.18
July .....	18,688.89	1,155.00	100,000.00	82,466.11 Cr.
August .....	96,244.84	1,519.85	50,023.00	44,701.99
September .....	38,463.04	1,318.52	50,000.00	12,855.48 Cr.
October .....	62,579.64	1,356.41	50,035.50	11,187.73
November .....	76,772.67	1,267.50	50,000.00	25,505.17
December .....	53,576.47	2,950.17	50,439.00	187.30
Totals .....	\$731,240.92	\$ 18,170.88	\$630,922.80	\$ 96,213.28

1946	Receipts	Disbursements Operating	Non-operating	Balances
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ 96,213.28
January .....	49,444.19	1,383.91	76,086.20	28,025.92 Cr.
February .....	85,558.86	1,279.99	50,000.00	34,278.87
March .....	65,252.97	1,503.89	50,341.75	13,407.33
April .....	76,032.75	1,276.15	100,068.93	25,312.33 Cr.
May .....	100,068.10	1,517.32	75,021.25	23,529.53
June .....	167,610.51	1,575.26	100,079.00	65,956.25
Totals .....	\$543,967.38	\$ 8,536.52	\$451,597.13	\$180,047.01

**STATEMENT OF ALL RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946**

1945	Total	Chapter 610	School 25%	Chapter 20667	U. S. G. S. Co-operative	Chapter 18296
January	\$ 107,894.66	\$ 25,012.22	\$ 7,975.48	\$ 5,632.50	\$	\$ 69,274.46
February	83,540.15	14,315.21	4,467.39			64,757.55
March	74,483.55	18,321.08	8,969.66	406.00		46,786.81
April	109,697.91	31,106.09	5,826.09	2,014.32		70,751.41
May	88,563.19	19,435.58	7,799.34			61,328.27
June	131,103.87	47,031.67	11,837.44	217.89		72,016.87
July	63,839.20	33,935.62	11,214.69			18,688.89
August	172,358.36	57,777.89	15,755.68	2,579.95		96,244.84
September	100,498.78	31,454.68	14,576.13	16,004.93		38,463.04
October	113,555.52	35,399.65	12,269.01	3,307.22		62,579.64
November	121,097.27	21,606.41	10,687.66	12,030.53		76,772.67
December	109,349.22	26,153.02	10,764.82	18,854.91		53,576.47
Totals	\$1,275,981.68	\$361,549.12	\$122,143.39	\$ 61,048.25		\$731,240.92
1946						
January	\$ 134,134.93	\$ 56,644.18	\$ 13,046.56	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$ 49,444.19
February	114,727.72	22,939.66	6,229.20			85,558.86
March	100,123.04	25,456.30	6,913.77		2,500.00	65,252.97
April	121,816.54	36,583.70	9,200.09			76,032.75
May	141,118.69	30,829.50	10,221.09			100,068.10
June	234,743.66	49,172.48	15,460.67		2,500.00	167,610.51
Totals	\$ 846,664.58	\$221,625.82	\$ 61,071.38	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$543,967.38

# CHAPTER 610

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

1945	Receipts	Disbursements		Balances
		Operating	Non-operating	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$	\$	\$	\$312,778.58
January	25,012.22	9,203.63	3,648.00	12,160.59
February	14,315.21	2,809.51		11,505.70
March	18,321.08	1,539.44	209.82	16,571.82
April	31,106.09	2,530.46	1,948.46	26,627.17
May	19,435.58	4,100.87	397.50	14,937.21
June	47,031.67	2,787.65	2,077.36	42,166.66
July	33,935.62	1,195.00	2,927.20	29,813.42
August	57,777.89	1,596.18	1,000.00	55,181.71
September	31,454.68	1,834.88		29,619.80
October	35,399.65	2,728.82		32,670.83
November	21,606.41	7,077.08	86,935.59	72,406.26 Cr.
December	26,153.02	4,512.93	3,695.05	17,945.04
Totals	\$361,549.12	\$ 41,916.45	\$102,838.98	\$529,572.27

1946				
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$	\$	\$	\$529,572.27
January	56,644.18	2,709.49		53,934.69
February	22,939.66	4,810.06	37,823.53	19,693.93 Cr.
March	25,456.30	2,746.04	2,887.50	19,822.76
April	36,583.70	2,457.83	986.80	33,139.07
May	30,829.50	2,278.10	11,228.80	17,322.60
June	49,172.48	3,046.12	2,100.00	44,026.36
Totals	\$221,625.82	\$ 18,047.64	\$ 55,026.63	\$678,123.82

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## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

1945	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances
Balance December 31, 1944	\$	\$	\$ 8,111.64
January	5,632.50		5,632.50
February			
March	406.00		406.00
April	2,014.32		2,014.32
May			
June	217.89		217.89
July			
August	2,579.95		2,579.95
September	16,004.93		16,004.93
October	3,307.22		3,307.22
November	12,030.53	23,000.00	10,969.47 Cr.
December	18,854.91		18,854.91
Totals	\$ 61,048.25	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 46,159.89

1946			
Balance December 31, 1945	\$	\$	\$ 46,159.89
January			15,000.00
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
Totals	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 61,159.89



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